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editorial

OUR SALUTE TO THE ASSEMBLY OF CANADIAN JEWRY

"... And there was a king in Jeshurun,
When the heads of the people were gathered,
All the tribes of Israel together."
(Deuteronomy XXXIII;5)

One of the most difficult, most complicated of verses in the Bible, which has been translated in numerous ways, is the above passage from the Scripture. However, one point is clear beyond doubt. This verse follows immediately the injunction, "Moses commanded us a law, an inheritance of the congregation of Jacob". It easily could be interpreted, the fulfilment of the law, Jewish living in the broadest sense of the concept; it is dependent upon the gathering together of all tribes of Israel. And the Rabbis noticed that, when the tribes of Israel, all groups, all parties meet together for the sake of Jewish interests, the divine presence rests upon them.

The delegates to the plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress, now meeting in Toronto, should remember this very pertinent verse from our Holy Book. There is no greater event than when various Jewish groups and organizations meet in unison and in the spirit of dedication to the cause uniting us all: the survival of the people of Israel. There are many differences of opinion among us as how to solve the problems and in which manner to reach the ultimate objective. These differences should not be overlooked; they are important. The paramount feature of such a great gathering, however, is the unity of purpose — the very fact of the togetherness of all the "tribes of Israel".

The 13th Canadian Jewish Congress Assembly meets at a time when our people is faced by immense tasks and by challenges unknown to any other generation in Israel: These problems demand some brief analysis. Here they are:

1. The Jewish people today pride themselves upon the fact of the existence of a sovereign independent nation on the territory of Israel. However, no matter how great and how predominant the fact of the existence of Israel may be — and the entire Jewish people the world over are dedicated to its preservation — one additional factor must be taken into consideration: the Jewish State as yet has not eliminated anti-Semitism. Herzl believed that the establishment of a Jewish state would automatically resolve "the Jewish problem". It would eradicate the cause for anti-Semitism. Still, the facts are that, while the Jewish State has lifted the prestige and the dignity of the Jewish people, a nation like other nations, it has not resolved all our problems. Diaspora Jewry, living as it does under different social orders and in a variety of countries, still faces local questions which demand answers.

2. The cold war. Because of the fact that they are a universal people, the Jewish people are living on both sides of the Iron Curtain and are subjected to the whims and currents of numerous political and social developments. Whether or not we want it, we are involved in the cold war. We are faced by the problems of three-million-three-hundred-thousand Jews in the Soviet Union and hundreds of thousands in other Communist countries. To say that we are not our brothers' keepers would be in flagrant contradiction to the very spirit of our Jewishness. The responsibility for the existence of Jews in one land by other Jews in another land is part and parcel of our Jewish being.

3. The Algerian Jews. The Jews of Algeria must leave their country, the sooner, the better. These Algerian Jews, who flourished there before the Moslems ever reached that part of North Africa, will not be able to continue their community living under the new regime. They may also be in physical danger the day the FLN takes over. This has nothing to do with the good will of the new government. There is no question about it — that the atmosphere of Algeria is not conducive for a peaceful development of the Jewish community. We in Canada can do much to solve, in part, their problem. The Canadian Jewish Congress already has taken some vital steps in the direction of helping to bring some Algerian Jews to Canada. However, the matter is so pressing, it should receive priority during the 13th plenary session.

There are other very important points on the agenda to which the delegates will have to turn in a spirit of profoundest earnestness. Jewish education is certainly on top of the list.

We hope the delegates will be aware of the fact that here in Canada the Canadian Jewish Congress truly represents Canadian Jewry. Representation is not merely an honor; it implies a duty. "The eyes of all Israel are upon ye" in your deliberations. We know that this plenary session will demonstrate before world Jewry and before Canada as well, the maturity of our community. The continuous existence and development of Israel, the Jewish position the world over, our own future in this country are in great measure dependent upon the outcome of these deliberations. Their mark in the history of Canadian Jewry depends upon the performance of the delegates.

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HUNGARIAN JEWS PIERCE THE IRON CURTAIN

LEADERS AT THE CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SESSION: — From left to right: SAMUEL BRONFMAN, president; AMBASSADOR MICHAEL COMAY who will report Sunday on Israel at the UN; J. I. OELBAUM, dean of Jewish leaders; JULIAN FREEMAN, U.S. Jewish leader; MEYER W. GASNER, chairman central region Canadian Jewish Congress; the GOVENOR-GENERAL AND MADAME VANIER.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND MADAME VANIER

Commentary • By M. J. Nurenberger

New Dialogue: East-West Jewry

I do not deny that, as a news commentator, my vanity is flattered by the fact that the Soviet press agency, **Novosti**, singled out my COMMENTARY of May 4th for a direct answer on the queries concerning Soviet Jewry.

If I am right, the CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS column was selected for a reply on the question raised by Jewish public opinion everywhere because, in Moscow, it was sensed that my query was as sincere as my protest.. The move was also meant as an overture for a dialogue on Jewish problems between the Jews in the West and the Jews in the Soviet Union. And if I am correct in assuming that the letter from the **Novosti** news agency (as published in last week's CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS) was also a contribution to this necessary dialogue between Jewish writers in the West and those in the Soviet Union, our debate is on.

However, at the very outset of this debate, I respectfully suggest a few points which I hope will be accepted as a pre-requisite for continuing the dialogue. First, we must understand and accept the fact that we in the West are loyal to **our** form of society, to capitalism; that we are ideologically anti-Communist. In Moscow, it must be understood that Jewish Communists in the West, who benefit from the right of free speech, **do not represent** North American Jewry. On the other hand, **we** accept the fact that the Jews of Soviet Russia are as loyal to **their** country and as dedicated to the Soviet Union as we in North America are to **our** form of government. Once this is established (and we are in accord that we disagree upon the respective merits of Capitalism versus Communism) we proceed towards the next point, which is: you and we believe in the co-existence of both systems — in peaceful co-existence, in ideological battle — and **we both abhor war.** This already is a point of affinity which unites not only Jews, East and West, but men of good-will who realize that, in our nuclear age, debate is a medium to prevent war, whether cold or hot.

When I speak of co-existence, I wish to make the following commentary.

We can debate **only** if we both agree upon the essential point: in every society, no matter what its political regime or form, the Jewish people have the same right to exist as any other national, ethnic, religious or cultural group. The Jewish people, whom you describe in your letter as a distinct nationality, must have some national privileges besides that of being persecuted and chosen for oppression. The facts of Jewish right to exist must be taken into consideration. We do not expect others to regard us as a chosen people; but we certainly are entitled to the same treatment as Kalmuks and Uzbeks.

I appreciate Chief Rabbi Levin's remark: that it is already after Shavuot and we still talk about matzot. However, we in the West cannot understand why there was, for the first time, a ban on the baking of matzot by the state bakeries and a halt to their distribution in the state stores. We never assumed that one cannot eat matzot in Russia. We have not reached as yet the level of progress of an Orwellian society where food intake can be controlled by the government.

I am not facelious. I am sincerely interested in continuing this dialogue. I hope that this debate will be conducive to a contact between Jews — East and West — for the sake of our people, a people of peace, dedicated to rapprochement and co-existence.

9 Soviet Jews To Die

London, (JCNS) — Nine Russian Jews were sentenced to death in three Soviet cities since last April according to "Pravda Ukrainy" and "Komsomolskaya Pravda". They are: Benjamin Gulko, Foka Ruks, Joseph Ilytch Kahanin, Litvinovsky, Blazer, Fuks, Nahum Starchevsky, Koretzky, Kosher.

All have been charged with "speculation" and currency offences.

Two women, Batya Rotstein and Tsiliya Lapidus, were sentenced to eight and five years respectively.

SYNAGOGUE BURNED

London, (JCNS) — Jewish sources in Moscow disclosed on Sunday that the synagogue in the small Georgian town of Mikha Tshakaya was burned by arsonists. No one was hurt, but the Holy Scrolls were burned.

Soviet Georgia has a population of fifty thousand Jews, mostly Sephardim.

SEE THREAT TO DEMOCRACY IN SOCIAL CREDIT VICTORY

By RAY GOULD
CJN Staff Reporter

The outstanding feature in the June 18 federal elections from the point of view of Canadians interested in the future of democracy in this country is the surprising success of the Social Credit party in Quebec. Both Liberal and Conservative leaders told this reporter that the Social Creditors have never been a political party in the traditional sense of the term. Now, as far as Quebec is concerned, Social Credit has become a malady which may prove dangerous for the development and progress of French Canada.

DAVID LEWIS Q.C.
Emerged from June 18th election as national leader N.D.P.

BIGOTRY NOTED

Those who follow closely the trend of events in French Canada recorded with dismay the fact that French Canadians in the rural areas have succumbed to the basest form of demagoguery. They also responded to chauvinistic, xenophobic and, in some instances, to anti-semitic propaganda. The question for the enlightened leaders in Quebec now is how to fight this threat to democracy in Canada.

Some suggestions have been made that both the head of the government and the leader of the opposition should discuss the Social Credit phenomenon as a national problem which demands a concentrated effort on the part of both national parties.

Observers point out that Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Pearson are equally interested in combatting the malaise of racial bigotry. The election campaign in Quebec has proven that racialism appeals to some French Canadians.

NO COALITION WITH SOCIAL CREDIT

Also it has been pointed out that Prime Minister Diefenbaker immediately upon the return of the election results declared that he would not consider forming a government with the Social Credit party. A coalition with them is out of question, Mr. Diefenbaker stated. This statement has been well received in all circles.

The Canadian Jewish News was told that immediately following the plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress the Joint Public Relations committee of Congress and B'nai B'rith will meet to discuss the rise of the Social Credit party.

Vanier Opens 13th CJC Assembly

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Georges P. Vanier, last night, (Thursday) solemnly opened the historic assembly of Canadian Jewry now meeting in Toronto. The Governor General, accompanied by Madame Vanier, was given a standing ovation by more than one thousand delegates and guests present at the convention banquet of the 13th plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress at Toronto's King Edward Hotel.

His Excellency was introduced to the thirteenth plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress meeting by J. I. Oelbaum, leader of Toronto Jewry. Dr. Samuel B. Hurwich presented Samuel Bronfman, the outgoing president, of Canadian Jewish Congress .Mr. Bronfman delivered his presidential address at the opening banquet.

The chairman of the convention banquet was Monroe Abbey, Q.C., of Montreal.

(For more details about the thirteenth plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress turn to Page 7).

The Canadian Jewish News has assigned a staff of reporters and photographers to cover this historic assembly of Canadian Jewry, and will publish a full report of the sessions in next week's issue.

Establish Contact With West, Israel

(SPECIAL CABLE VIA JCNS)

Budapest, Hungary — The importance of friendly relations recently established between the Jewish community in Communist Hungary and the leaders of the Jewish communities in France, Switzerland and Israel, was stressed by Andre Sos, president of the Central Board of Hungarian Jews at its annual meeting concluded here last weekend.

WELCOMES DELEGATES FROM WEST

Dr. Sos in his address to the Board Meeting, declared that he was "glad to welcome Jewish leaders from abroad to Budapest".

(For the first time since the Communists took over Hungary, official representatives of the Jewish communities in France and Switzerland as well as delegates from Israel were invited as observers and officially welcomed).

WILL VISIT ENGLAND

The leader of Hungarian Jewry also announced that in the very near future a delegation of the Central Board of Hungarian Jews will visit London. He added that his organization decided to accept the invitation to come to England extended by Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jewry.

He added:

"It is our sincere wish to continue friendly relations with every Jewish community throughout the world".

STRESSES RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

The most sensational declaration by the leader of Hungarian Jewry was his clear statement about Communist Hungary's relations with Israel. Dr. Sos said:

"Peaceful, harmonious and effective relations have been established between the governments of Hungary and Israel".

This allusion to Israel aroused keen interest among foreign observers here as such a statement must have been cleared if not inspired by the Communist government.

JEWISH EDUCATION FLOURISHING

The leader of the Hungarian Jewish community then went on to state:

- These relations with Israel will facilitate the development of religious and cultural contacts between the Jews in Hungary and those in Israel.
- A relatively high number of students are now being trained for the rabbinate at Budapest's flourishing Rabbinical College so that the future need of Hungarian Jewry for qualified (orthodox) rabbis would be met without difficulty.
- Last year about one thousand bar mitzvahs were celebrated in Hungary while 1800 girls received religious confirmation.
- Important work is now carried out at a Yeshiva for orthodox Jews.
- New doctors have been appointed to the Jewish hospital in Budapest.

Dr. Sos concluded by thanking the Claims Conference and other Jewish philanthropic organizations abroad for their aid to Hungarian Jewry.

N.Y. REPORT

By Trude Weiss Rosmarin

Wall Street Crisis Threatens Jewish Fund Raising

New York, (JCNFS)—Since "Black Monday", the changing fortunes of Wall Street and the unreliable prospects of investing in corporate stocks have been uppermost in the minds of Americans. Even those who do not own stocks have been gripped by headlines comparing the May 28 market slide with the the near-panic created by crash of 1929. The President and his advisors are "not perturbed" but the man-in-the-street is worried. "Black Monday' has shaken his confidence.

FUND RAISERS WORRIED

Inevitably, it was the little people who got hurt — the white-collar and the blue-shirt workers, the professionals, and the small businessmen with small shares in the market, albeit the bulk of their savings. What with 25 years of "run-away" and "creeping" inflation, even the most prudent and conservative turned to stocks and investment funds for conserving their capital. To be sure, there are always some hardy souls with strong gamblers' instincts who "play the market". But the vast majority of those who own shares in America's industry and business are middle-class people who "banked" in the stock market because the security analysts had convinced them that putting money in the savings bank meant losing a few pennies of every dollar year after year.

The stock market "blues" are especially sombre in the executive offices of U.S. Jewish organizations. "Maybe the American Jewish religious revival is a shallow river, as some intellectuals say. It is certain, however, that it is an off-shoot of post war prosperity," one worried fund-raising expert told me. He argued that the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Bond Drive and the hundreds of synagogue building campaigns have reached their targets because most Jews managed to scoop up some "gravy" on the stock market.

There is little inherited wealth among U.S. Jews. Most experts are agreed that the wealth of the "gilded ghettoes" "is" gilded and not solid gold. "When you have said everything for American Jewish prosperity, the fact remains that it is not solid," an executive of a large Jewish organization pointed out to me.

The consensus is that unless "Washington's chilly attitude toward business" turns warmer, there is little prospect of a substantial summer rally. Gazers into the financial crystal ball prognosticate that before long it will be so hard to get "a piece of meat" that few people will think about "gravy". Already travel agencies and resorts are receiving cancellations, and "luxury spending", usually heavy at this time of year, is alarmingly light. Those who suffer heavy financial losses are not in the mood to spend money on non-essentials. As charitable contributions are in the "non-essential" category, "the gift dollar" is getting more elusive. Some "big givers" have notified their local Allied Jewish Appeals that they must renege on their pledges because of unforeseen circumstances. Others have asked for "additional time" to meet their commitments.

U.S. LEADERS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Joseph Meyerhoff — Rabbi Friedman — Israel D. Fink

They recently held emergency meeting as economic situation seems to affect fund raising.

(l to r) Abe Posuns, President United Community Fund and Louis L. Lockshin, immediate past President, Jewish Vocational Service.

A REPORTER'S STORY

TORONTO'S JVS AIDED 2,000 LAST YEAR

"Many now applying for jobs are middle-aged persons whose skills are out-dated by the advance of technology," said Marvin Fremes, president of Toronto's Jewish Vocational Service. He was speaking to a group of more than 100 community leaders and health and welfare workers at the JVS Annual Meeting held at Regency Towers Hotel, in Toronto last week.

SUBURBAN OFFICE ESTABLISHED

"Forty such men have just completed a unique four-week course of training in building maintenance services and 83% of this group are already employed." The course was conducted in co-operation with the Board of Education and the National Employment Service in conjunction with Canadian Vocational Training Program No. 5.

Mr. Fremes said that JVS is also seeking to extend its individual counselling services to meet the growing need for such services among teenagers. A suburban office has been established making this service more accessible in the outlying areas of the city.

"More people were served and rehabilitated by JVS in 1961 than in any previous year," said Louis Lockshin, immediate past president of Jewish Vocational Service in his report on the Rehabilitation Workshop. "Those served were predominantly convalescent mental patients who punch a clock, earn a regular hourly wage, perform light production tasks and return to the hospital at the close of the working day. Over the past 6 years, nearly 500 individuals have been served by this program which has proven itself to be one of the most effective on this continent," he said.

NEW REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

Mr. Lockshin went on to outline the programs of two further workshops started by JVS recently on an experimental basis: The first, which provides paid employment and rehabilitation services to clients receiving financial assistance from welfare agencies, has been in operation only two months and has already shown striking results. Of 35 individuals who were regarded as unemployable, one third were found capable of holding a job and are now employed or taking training in a vocational school. A substantial reduction in financial assistance costs can be anticipated if those placed continue to work.

Another extension to the Rehabilitation Workshop program has been established in co-operation with the Jewish Home for the Aged, to provide residents with a useful and interesting daily activity. It is hoped that such activity will help to slow down the physical and psychological decline often associated with aging persons.

MANY HELPED

Also speaking of the JVS Rehabilitation Workshop, Guest Dr. Morgan Martin, Chief, Mental Health Division, Department of National Health and Welfare, told the gathering that, "The Jewish Vocational Service is filling the gap between the hospital bed and the general community. Through them many people have been enabled to return to a normal, productive life."

Elected to serve as officers for 1962-63 were Marvin Fremes, President; Robert Hall and David Mouckley, Vice-Presidents; Barrie D. Rose, Treasurer; Harry J. Waisglass, Secretary.

Abe Posluns, 1962 President of the United Community Fund of Greater Toronto, congratulated JVS for its outstanding leadership in finding new ways of helping the handicapped unemployed. He warmly commended JVS Board Members on their fine contribution to the United Appeal, remarking that in the United Appeal Canvass of Agency Board Members, JVS took the lead over all other agencies, with an 80.4% increase in their contributions over last year. Matthew Elman is the liaison Board Member of JVS to the United Appeal.

Samuel J. Sable, President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, praised JVS lay leadership and staff for their quick response to community needs.

The Jewish Vocational Service is supported by funds raised by the United Appeal. Services to immigrants are supported by the United Jewish Appeal through the United Jewish Relief Agencies.

(l to r) Morgan Martin, M.D., M.Sc., Chief, Mental Health Division, Dept. of National Health and Welfare and Marvin Fremes, President, Jewish Vocational Service.

IMPRESSIONS OF A TEACHER

By Maurice Frankel

ARE DAY SCHOOL PUPILS "SEGREGATED"?

The question of government subsidies to Day Schools will be an item on the agenda of plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The support of many delegates is based on their views as to the wisdom of maintaining such separate Jewish institutions of learning and much discussion is expected on the subject.

Having participated recently in a joint "learning experience" with both a Day School and a Public School Class, I acquired some insight into the vital question regarding Day Schools — the issue of "segregation" of Jewish children into their own learning ghettos. The venture consisted of the fourth graders of the United Synagogue Day School and the sixth graders of the Deer Park Public School participating together in a geography lesson from the air. Under the guidance of their teachers and principals, these two classes toured Malton Airport, went on a guided tour through the hangars and were presented with an explanation on the technical details of plane operation by a pilot. In groups of six to eight pupils they inspected a 102 passenger TCA plane cockpit with its myriad of switches. This was not, however, an unrelated haphazard excursion. Both the United Synagogue Day School fourth graders with Mrs. Bayla Chaikoff as their teacher, and the Deer Park sixth graders with Mr. Bill Kernagham as their instructor came on this trip to culminate study units on "Transportation" and "Ontario Geography". Both classes prepared sets of questions to be filled out by the pupils during the tour, as well as interview questions for the pilots, maintenance crew and other related TCA airline personnel.

In moving from area to area I could observe no differences in the mannerisms, dress, and general behaviour between the two groups of students.

For a while, it seemed doubtful, on this rainy May 31st, that the planned flight would take place. When the loudspeaker announced that TCA Viscount Flight No. 1 was ready for boarding, a feeling of joy was expressed not only by the eager and excited students but also on the faces of the anxious teachers relieved to hear that their extensive planning for this trip would not be in vain.

The pupils of both classes boarded the plane, serviced by a complete crew, including two stewardesses. Instead of the usual welcome by the pilot or the stewardess, for the first time in the life of this TCA plane the welcome was made in the Hebrew language. Mr. Aaron Nussbaum, the Day School Principal, welcomed the Day School Pupils in Hebrew, and the Deer Park Students (who understood the word "Niagara" even in the Hebrew) in English. The weather around the Falls had cleared and the plane took off.

Throughout the flight, the Pilot explained about the atmospheric conditions and the geographic locations as well as the flying altitude. Mrs. Helen Banks, the Vice-Principal of Deer Park School, had a commentary of her own for all the forty-eight children, when she pointed out the various land and river formations. Many of the youngsters followed her explanations by pointing to the location on their own Ontario Maps. In addition to the PA system comments there was a special treat for the youngsters. In groups of two or three pupils, all the children were allowed to go to the cockpit and observe the pilot while the plane was in operation.

Upon landing, I followed the United Synagogue Day School group. There were many questions for the pilot and the stewardesses as well as requests for their autographs. Then, instead of eating their lunch at the outdoor area, the drizzle caused the group to eat in the Terminal building. With the boys wearing their Kipot, all the youngsters quietly recited the Hamotzi and then the Grace after Meals. With a feeling of self assuredness among society at large, they acted casually and without any hesitation in their observance of the Jewish customs.

Being curious as to how the United Synagogue Day School teamed up with the Deer Park Public School for this project, I asked Mr. Nussbaum regarding the co-operation between the schools.

"Mr. Lloyd Dennis, the Principal of the Deer Park Public School, has a Philosophy of Education similar to ours," he answered. "When Mr. Dennis addressed our Faculty and Education Committee on the subject of Social Studies, on which he is an expert, he emphasized that the aim is not just to impart another few facts, but to teach the child to become a 'compassionate human being'. Our school too, in addition to covering the rest of the Toronto Public School course of study and in addition to an intensive study of Hebrew and the classical Jewish texts, aims for more than knowledge. We hope that as a result of their education, our pupils will develop into creative, thinking, committed modern Canadian-Jews." Mr. Nussbaum amplified on the goals of the United Synagogue Day School. "We are a special type of Day School in that in our school we teach the whole child. He is not taught 'religious' subjects during half the day and 'secular' subjects during the other half of the day. In our school, the outlook of the General Studies teacher reflects that of the Hebrew Studies teacher. As an example of this approach, you heard Mrs. Chaikoff explain during the tour of the plane, about the airlift of the Yemenite Jews to Israel. One of the youngsters even called out 'oh yes Operation Magic Carpet'. A discussion followed on how many Yemenites could have been transported on this type of plane. Mrs. Chaikoff is the General Studies teacher and yet she will consciously relate, whenever relevant items of Jewish interest even to a lesson on airplane transportation."

Personally I felt glad to have been "taken for this ride". It was good to see an example of diverse groups co-operating in an educational adventure.

A CJN EXCLUSIVE

BY GIDEON SAMET (TEL-AVIV)

REPORT ABOUT CANADIANS IN ISRAEL: ALL NORTH-AMERICANS DOING WELL

Americans and Canadians in Israel are well taken care of. To be convinced, one can drop into the humming Tel Aviv office of the Association for Americans and Canadians in Israel or, still better, visit the new, impressive housing project in Jerusalem where 52 families are settled in convenient, American-style apartments.

During the past year about 1,200 Americans and Canadians migrated to Israel, thus hitting the 10,000 mark. Mr. Murray Greenfield, executive director of AACI, smilingly says to Canadians coming into his office that it is an Association for Canadians and Americans, while Americans receive the reverse order of the Association's name; yet, he says, their problems as olim (newcomers) are quite the same: both groups are practically the only olim who decline in their standard of living in Israel. They have no illusions, otherwise they would not have come. They are recompensed with things just as important as a high standard of living. However they should be able to adjust themselves more easily.

The Association does its best — quite well, too.

CANADIANS IN KEY POSITIONS

The Israeli government is now engaged in a tremendous effort to absorb aliya (immigration), at a rate of thousands per month, from "hot spots" all over the world. In addition, there are many former Americans and Canadians in key positions in the government, in public institutions and in private enterprise who, by way of cordial solidarity, offer help. We mention a few, formerly from Toronto: Manuel Kraicer, director of Hias, residing in Tel Aviv, recently elected a vice-president of AACI; Leonard E. Fine, a businessman in Ramat-Gan, one of the national executives of AACI; Yisrael Weinberg, assistant director of the Ministry for Religious Affairs; Prof. Ze-ev Lev of the Hebrew University, who received an Israeli award on last Independence Day.

FAVOURABLE HOUSING TERMS

The special housing project in Jerusalem is a good example of the activities under taken for the benefit of Americans and Canadians in Israel. The idea for the project germinated because of difficulties in renting or buying an apartment with a small down-payment and a long term—low interest mortgage. Hence grounds were procured from the Jewish National Fund on favourable terms in a pleasant area overlooking the new Jerusalem "green belt" now being planted near the future, $6 million Knesset (Parliament) building.

The apartments are primarily for those with modest income yet possessing a taste for "good living". All the present family heads are experts in their field and professionals. Eleven of the sixty-two tenants were chosen from "old timers" in Israel in order to keep the residents from becoming culturally and socially isolated.

Loans obtained were divided between 25-year and 10-year funds carrying 7½% interest, sometimes amounting to 75% of the value of the apartment. Tenants themselves lent architects a hand in last-minute details.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Among other things the project features cottage-style terrace apartments; each unit is provided with a separate front entrance and a 100-square-meter garden, connected to the indoor area by the living room porch.

The five-room apartments have wider than usual living rooms; all bathrooms have space for washing machines.

The project is the first housing development in Jerusalem served by a central heating unit working all year round, with automatic heating determined by a thermostat denoting outside temperature. An automatic clock reduces (but does not extinguish) the heat after midnight.

Plans include community playgrounds, a shopping centre, a park, a tennis court and a swimming pool. On the north side of the hill on which the houses stand the National Museum will be constructed. Around it the gardens, including the sculpture donated by Billy Rose, will circle.

BEN-GURION CONGRATULATES

The AACI claims that addresses and statements concerning the aliya from the U.S. and Canada are insufficient, that preparing an actual background for such aliya can be achieved mainly by action. Proudly, however, it recalls Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's congratulations to the AACI's 11th Convention which took place in May. He stated:

"I note that the theme of the Convention will be "The Association: Bridge between Israel and American and Canadian Jewry". Instead of "bridge", I should prefer, magnet. For on a bridge you can move in both directions and, as far as I can see, your main task should be a drawing power! drawing towards Israel American and Canadian Jews, particularly the youth.

"Congratulations! May your numbers increase year by year, month by month and week by week. Every immigrant from the U.S.A. and Canada is a blessing not only to Israel but also to American and Canadian Jewry."

Sahara Jews Leaving

Paris (JCNS) The mass evacuation of Jews who settled many hundred years ago in the regions of South Algeria and the Sahara began this week with the arrival in Marseilles of an aircraft filled with Jews from Ghardaia. More aircraft are expected today and in the next few days loaded with Jews from this desert region of Algeria.

It is believed here that these successive flights of exclusively "Jewish" passengers are the beginning of the complete evacuation of the Jews from the South and the Sahara regions. Representatives of both the Jewish Agency and the Fonds Social Juif Unifie were present at the airport, trying to induce the new arrivals to choose temporary shelter at the Jewish Agency's transit camp near Marseilles, from where they might leave for Israel.

Sahara Jews — unlike the majority of Algerian Jews — never became assimilated to French culture. Their way of life was similar to that of the natives of South Algeria and the Sahara, where they lived for generations. They were granted French citizenship only last year, and very few among them speak French.

Jewish organisations here fear that their integration in France would be very difficult. Thus they support the Jewish Agency in its attempt to persuade them to emigrate to Israel.

Meanwhile, the rate of Jewish arrivals from Algeria has sharply risen since last week, reaching an average of 2,000 daily.

TWO GERMAN POLICE OFFICERS SUSPENDED

Bonn (JCNS) Two officials of a special West German police department, which takes care of the personal security of foreign State visitors to this Federal capital, have been suspended from their duties.

The officials, Zimmer and Hein, were members of the Nazi Ensatzkommando 9 during the last war, and testified as witnesses at the trial of six leading officers of this unit before a West Berlin jury recently. They were not put on oath then because they were suspected of complicity in crimes committed by the Einsatzkommando against the Jewish population in Western Russia.

A spokesman for the Federal Minister of the Interior said that investigations against the two officials were opened a few days ago.

TORONTO OBITUARY

Berlin, Harry. On June 14th, late of 11 Southgate Ave.

Fellegi, Andrew. On June 10th, late of 262 Poplar Plains Rd.

Freedman, Sidney. On June 9th, late of Vancouver, B. C.

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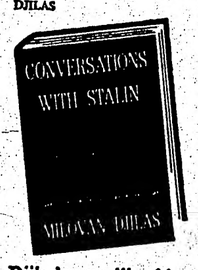

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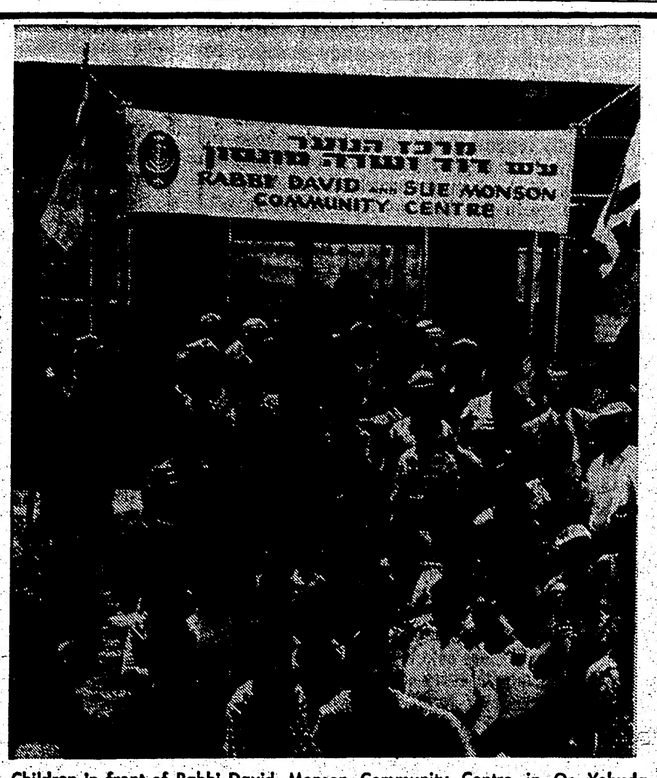

Children in front of Rabbi David Monson Community Centre in Or Yehuda, Israel. In the centre: Rabbi David Monson with Mrs. Monson and daughter during their recent visit in Israel.

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THE AFFAIRE LEINER IN RETROSPECT

THE POLICE AND RABBI LEINER: A BACKWARD LOOK

The recent hearing before Ontario's Mr. Justice Dalton Wells was completed four months and ten days after the events of the evening of Friday, January 26th, which precipitated the series if incidents that gave rise to the hearing. Not that the Attorney General was slow to act — quite to the contrary, the Commissioner was named less than four days after the episode and it convened in little more than a week after that. This aspect of the case was completed with great dispatch. Nor does it mean that the hearing consumed all or even most of the four month period. Actually the time it took up was more than eight to ten days. The delay was caused by the fact that the Commissioner was busy as a judge in his regular assize-court duties and could only arrange to take up the case of Rabbi Leiner and the Metro police when he was able to sandwich some free days from time to time into his very busy docket.

This is why what has been called the "Leiner case" seemed to drag on so endlessly from the mid-winter days through the early spring thaw until it finally wound up in the first week of June.

SPECTATORS SPARSE

Though interest and comment in the case was high as the hearing progressed in its broken day-to-day advance, there was little of what might be called direct "spectator" interest in it. Committee Room Number One on the west side of the Parliament Building — with a clear view of the Sigmund Samuel Canadiana Library — was rather sparsely occupied by visitors from the general public. Besides the principals of the case, their counsel and several senior police force officials, the spectators who drifted in from time to time consisted of studious-looking yeshiva students from the Ner Israel seminary, several officers and board members of that yeshiva, Canadian Jewish Congress regional chairman and vice-president, some law students articled to the Attorney-General's office, and other individuals who dropped in to have a look. On the last two days — June 4th and 5th — those attending were soley the principals, their counsel, and the press and radio reporters. This, of course, did not necessarily reflect the state of public interest. It was difficult for the public to know from week to week and later from month to month exactly when the case would resume after its lengthy and unbroken intervals: sometimes the attorneys themselves were unaware of the case's resumption until they received notification of only one or two days.

HARRIS FOR CONGRESS

The arguments by counsel which started on a Monday afternoon lasted a day and a half. First to be heard was Sydney M. Harris who represented Canadian Jewish Congress and who had sat in the committee room from the first day listening to all the witnesses and following the entire proceedings personally. Mr. Harris' argument (which has been reproduced for readers of the Canadian Jewish News) restricted itself to the problem of religious rights, i.e. had Norbert Leiner's rights as an observant Jew been violated when the police forced him into a cruiser on the Sabbath on grounds which Mr. Harris maintained were unfounded? The police, it arose in the course of the case, have a right to place someone under arrest if there is reasonable grounds to believe that he has committed, is committing or is about to commit an indictable offense. Mr. Harris maintained that such grounds were absent in this case (Rabbi Leiner bore no resemblence to the composite picture of a suspected prower-rapist and there was nothing about his demeanour to suggest it).

What would be the situation if the arrest had been properly made? Could a person then claim the immunity of protection by the laws of the Sabbath? Mr. Justice Wells put this question to Mr. Harris asking what the police should do if an Orthodox Jew were caught in the act of robbing a bank on the Sabbath. The answer, of course, was — and was quickly accepted by his Lordship who did not of course offer it seriously — that such a person by definition could not claim to be an observant Jew for theft (let alone theft of money on the Sabbath) was hardly in keeping with Jewish religious precepts.

OBSERVANT OR ORTHODOX?

There was some discussion, too, about the use of the words "observant Jew". Mr. Harris had pointed out that an observant Jew could be Orthodox or Conservative, or even Reform. His Lordship wondered if the police might have reacted differently if the individual in question described himself to them as "Orthodox", a term they might be more familiar with. However there seems to have been little question that they knew what he meant — there were other considerations which in their mind were weightier and more pressing.

RABBI OR LAYMAN?

Why hadn't Norbert Leiner told the police right off that he was a rabbi? This in the minds of many would have avoided a lot of unecessary grief from the outset. Rabbi Leiner's reply to this is that at no time in the interview and fracas on Raglan Avenue did any of the police officers ask for his occupation. Not being asked there was no need to state it. His own view was that one does not exploit the sacred calling by advising all and sundry that one is a clergyman. And, after all, does a clergyman have a greater right to observe his religious faith and its rites than a layman? Might it not be considered an infringement of the common right of an observant man to practise his religion if clergyman were given special rights in this area to which the laity cannot aspire?

An Exhaustive Treatise

Mr. Harris was followed by Irving Himel, executive secretary of the Association for Civil Liberties, who attended that day accompanied by the Association's president, the aged but alert E. A. "Ned" earnest attorney with a clipped Corbett. Mr. Himel was followed by John Honsberger, an military moustache who is chairman of the Civil Liberties Committee of the Ontario Section of the Canadian Bar Association. Mr. Honsberger's brief was a fascinating document: a compilation and treatment of cases going back many years and covering a wide range of common law precedents both in the United Kingdom and the United States as well as in Canada and other parts of the Commonwealth. Mr. Honsberger had given some painstaking study to a series of questions like the rights of the individual, the rights of the police to search persons, the circumstances which must surround arrest, the duty of the individual to cooperate with the law enforcement agencies, the freedoms of the citizen, the definition of vagrancy, the freedom to practise religion, the use of force, citing from case after case in the true tradition of the pleader at the Common Law. The 28-page brief was truly a revealing exhaustive document indicating that Mr. Honsberger took quite seriously his voluntary trust as a guardian of the peoples' freedoms.

After Mr. Honsberger's learned treatment there were still three counsel to be heard from. There was first Joseph B. Pomerant, Rabbi Leiner's spokesman. Young Pomerant, two years out of law school but already experienced in the courts, gave an intriguing re-enactment of what happened on Raglan Avenue on the Sabbath eve in January when over-anxious policemen, eager to catch the rapist-prowler, followed a radio-call and by a concatenation of errors got themselves into a situation where, as he put it, "confusion made her masterpiece!"

POLICE DEFENDED

John Brookes, counsel for the Metro Police Association, gave his summation. Close-

RABBI LEINER

mouthed and soder (Mr. Brookes spoke in what was virtually a whisper throughout all the proceedings) he outlined the situation as he saw it: how the police honestly acted in the best interests of the community; that if they had not acted quickly and decisively they would have risked serious blame if the suspect had indeed been the guilty party whom they had let escape; that the conduct and demeanour of the rabbi was really such as to arouse direct suspicion of wrong-doing.

John Hoolihan, Commission counsel, was the last to present his summation. (Earlier in the case when a Miss Sandra MacDonald, 17, daughter of CCF-NDP leader Donald MacDonald, was unsure in giving evidence as to which was the west side of Raglan Avenue, he jogged her memory by suggesting it was the side "nearest Saskatchewan".)

PRAISE AND BLAME

The Commission Counsel's task is to get the facts out regardless of which side they might damage. In keeping with this role Mr. Hoolihan played no favorites and appraised some guilt on both sides. In the main he criticized the police for their improper arrest but he had some censure for Rabbi Leiner who, he thought, could have been more cooperative in providing fuller information conceding, of course, that he was under no legal obligation to do so). Mr. Hoolihan also chose not to believe that the police used the obscenities and abusive language attributed to them, stressing that none of the witnesses had heard this. He did, however, point out that it is to eccentrics and cranks, however unreasonable their behaviour may be, that we owe some of our greatest advances in civil liberties.

Mr. Justice Wells is expected to hand down his report in July.

FIRST TIME IN YEARS

TURKEY'S JEWS HOLD ELECTION

Istanbul, (JCNS) Communal elections were held here last week for the first time in seven years, after permission was granted by the Turkish authorities.

In the smaller communities in the suburbs, the elecions did not arouse much interest. The only list of candidates presented by the out-going counsils was approved. However, the new council include many new young members. Elections for the main communal counclis of Galata, Beyoglu and Sisli-where the majority of the Jewish population is centred-aroused much attention.. Although the rate of participation was only 15 per cent (which is, however, much higher than that in the previous elections), three lists of candidates were presented, one by the outgoing council, the second by a religious group, and the third by independents. The religious list called "Mahazeke Torah" won the majoriy of votes.

During its electoral campaign this group pledged reforms in the synagogues, which included cancelling all funds collections during the religious services; the introduction of a system of membership to raise the necessary money; the payment of the services of the rabbis and religious personnel according to their needs; and the esablishment of a new Jewish school in the Sisli area, etc.

The new communal council will hold its first meeting this week, when the new President of the comunity will be elected A religious and a lay candidate are competing for the post.

French Prize For Jewish Writer

GENEVA, (JCNS) — A young Jewish writer, Jean-Loup Vichniac, aged 19, has received impressive press reviews in Geneva and Lausanne on the publication, by Julliard in Paris, of his first book, "La part des choses." He was described as a "second Sagan."

Vichniac, who is still a student, graduated from the International School in Geneva. He is the son of the Jewish poet, and French underground hero, M. Jacques Givet. The family now live in Switzerland.

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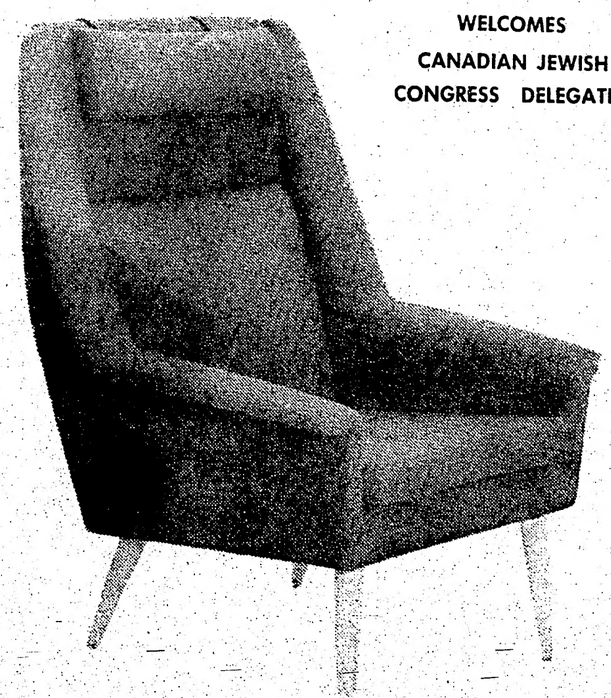

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HISTADRUT BUILDS FOR FUTURE

This coming Sunday Toronto's United Organizations for the Histadrut, in cooperation with the leaders of Beth Shalom Synagogue, will honor Rabbi David Monson in connection with the establishment of the Monson Community Center in Or Yehuda, Israel.

The United Organizations for Histadrut have developed in the last few years into one of the most important factors in the Jewish community of Toronto. The dinner at Beth Shalom on Sunday will not only honor Rabbi David Monson the popular spiritual leader of this great synagogue, but also will help the Histadrut directly in its program of integration of Oriental Jews into Israeli society.

The new community center in Or Yehuda is essentially a spiritual home for newcomers from Iraq.

THE NEW FLIRT

NASSER AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY

President Kennedy's private correspondence with Nasser has proved inconclusive so far according to well-informed sources in Washington. The correspondence was initiated by Kennedy to improve relations between the United States and Egypt, and has spread over several months. Nasser was naturally flattered to receive so much attention from Washington. There was no political reason for him not to reply; after all, he had exchanged letters with Khrushchev a year or two ago. The only tangible results of the new "rapprochement" are loans by the United States Government and the International Monetary Fund amounting to about $50 million, with more on the way. In the past Egypt usually refused to accept American loans, but in the light of Egypt's economic situation Nasser has become more amenable. While he is still unwilling to say "thank you" he has, so far at least, not abused Washington for offering him money. The Americans therefore feel they have won a brilliant political victory.

In the State Department there are two factions. Both believe Nasser is about the best ruler Egypt can hope for at present. But one group is convinced he is a great leader (the phrase "chosen instrument" was actually used the other day). The other group, consisting of somewhat more seasoned and sophisticated observers of the Middle East scene, is certain that Nasser cannot possibly overcome Egypt's difficulties, and that his overthrow by a rival military junta is only a question of time. President Kennedy, who has more pressing business on his mind, has not really come out clearly either way, but wants to adopt a flexible line towards Cairo in the meantime. There nevertheless seem to be grounds for doubting whether the friendly overtures will last for long. Several Middle East States—not Israel whose voice would not carry much weight in this context — have expressed surprise and concern through their representatives in Washington.

A NEW THREAT

ALGERIAN JEWS WARNED

The seven-year-old war in Algeria seems over. The Jewish plight there is only beginning. All "terrorists" will benefit from amnesty. But how about the Jews? — Here is part of the official reply.

"When the Algerian Provisional Government comes to power, those Jews who participated in O.A.S. terrorism will not get away with it," warned Abdel Kadir Chanderli, representative of the Algerian Provisional Government in the U.S.A., in a radio interview last Sunday. (According to one version of the broadcast he threatened that hundreds of Jews would be tried).

Chanderli was interviewed in his office and his comments recorded. Some parts of what he said were excised by the broadcasting station.

This alarming threat that Jewish collaborators with the Secret Army Organization will probably face trial and are liable to execution, is hardly calculated to halt the mass flight of Jews from strife-torn Algeria.

While it may be true that a small minority of young Jews have, like many European settlers, actively opposed President de Gaulle's policy and participated in the O.A.S. terror campaign, the bulk of the Jewish community would undoubtedly have remained had the Moslem nationalist leaders agreed to give more specific assurances to the Europeans about their future.

Instead, Moslems who will head the new Algerian regime have gone out of their way to make wild statements, which can only add to the Jewish community's general feeling of insecurity.

Only two months ago Mr. Ben-Bella, the Vice-President of the Algerian Provisional Government, said in Cairo that the new Algeria was ready to raise an army of 100,000 to help in "the liberation of Palestine".

Now comes the open threat of Mr. Chanderli, who, presumably, speaks with the full authority of his Executive.

Instead of trying to induce the Jewish community to remain, thus preserving the tottering Algerian economy, the nationalist leaders appear deliberately to be pursuing a policy which can only add to the community's fears and result in a full-scale exodus.

There are undoubtedly some moderate and more progressive elements among the Moslem leadership and it is high time they used their influence to curb the unwarranted outbursts of their extremists and give adequate assurances to the European minority. Otherwise, it will be assumed that the nationalists are anxious only to revenge acts — admittedliy atrocious — committed in the heat of battle, instead of seeking to build firm foundations for the new Algeria.

DIALOGUE IN JERUSALEM

DIASPORA AND THE JEWS OF ISRAEL

Imaginative and timely, the first "dialogue" held last week in Jerusalem between some 500 American Jews and an equal number of Israelis, deserves a warm welcome. The aim of the conference, in which many leaders on both sides participated to discuss the relationship between the State of Israel and North American Jewry, has much wider significance than its immediate purpose. It touches on the great and vital problem of arriving at a more satisfying and truly harmonious relationship between the Jewish State and the Diaspora, and should thus provide an opportunity for building a realistic, strong and permanent bridge to link the two parts of our people.

It is a problem which vitally and equally affects both sides. Many Jews — including some thoughtful citizens of Israel — have been deeply concerned at the widespread ignorance among Israeli youth about the Diaspora Jewish communities. This ignorance is dangerous, for it provides a breeding ground for misunderstanding and prejudice. Recently it was reported that a group of Israeli students in Germany had expressed contempt for Diaspora Jewry. Apart from the impropriety of voicing such views in Germany, these young Israelis revealed a state of mind which has to be strenuously and persistently opposed. And this can be achieved only by such fraternal gatherings as inaugurated by the American and Israeli "dialogue" and by measures which we sincerely hope will follow from this new authoritative and large gathering in Jerusalem.

Among the participants at the meeting was Premier Ben-Gurion, and this is to be welcomed for more than one reason. Perhaps no person can at the present time do more than the Israeli Premier to induce a greater appreciation among Israeli youth of the Diaspora. Unfortunately, up to now, his unrestrained and often unprovoked attacks on Zionism and his quarrels with the Zionist leaders, most of whom live outside the State, must have made the fog of misunderstanding ever denser. His attacks are, in fact, themselves symptomatic of the present situation.

One would be happy to learn that Mr. Ben-Gurion fully agrees with the wise and eloquent words spoken at this people-to-people "dialogue" by Mr. Abba Eban — one of his Ministers who has an intimate knowledge of the Western world. Israel, he declared, urgently needed the Diaspora in the domain of the spirit, for the country's greatest peril lay in provincialism. Israel was not a Mediterranean people writing history on a new slate, but a universal people striding across limitless horizons — and in this scene the Diaspora had an imperishable role to play. With his immense prestige among Israeli youth Mr. Ben-Gurion could forcibly bring home these truths. Although unparalleled Jewish spiritual wealth lies buried in the mass graveyards of Europe, Diaspora Jewry still has historic contributions to make to the spiritual and educational — as well as the financial — welfare of the State of Israel.

Benny Goodman in Moscow
SVOMYKOW TO KRUSHCHEV: — Do we really have to dance to this American-Jewish tune?
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A CJN REPORT

WASHINGTON NOW ASKS: WHY DO WE HELP NASSER

Washington, (JCNS) The total cost of Egyptian arms purchases from the Soviet Union from 1961 to 1964 is estimated to amount to $298,000,000, about 60 per cent of [illegible]. Over this period, the U.S. and the International Monetary Fund will contribute to the Egyptian economy an amount equal to, or perhaps more than, what Nasser is withdrawing to buy these weapons. This looks like "an uneconomic, unproductive, unhealthy and undesirable enterprise," said Mr. Roscoe Drummond, the American columnist, whose column from Washington is published in many leading newspapers throughout the U.S.

In his last article, Mr. Drummond said he viewed "with alarm" Nasser's "mounting acquisition of Soviet arms," and that the U.S. must watch [illegible] and take a "hard look at what we are doing." He said that Nasser was acquiring "a formidable, ominous, aggressive - not defensive - miliary arsenal from Moscow," which presented a dangerous potential. Hence, the U.S. must re-examine its part in bringing it about.

Mr. Drummond then cities the following figures: Egypt spent $68,000,000 in purchasing Soviet military equipment in 1961; in 1962 the figure will reach $85,000,000; and $145,000,000 will be spent in the next two years. Among the items ge jet bombers-20 this year, 40 purchased, he listed: long-ran- next year, fighter bombers-70 this year, 40 next year; medium tanks - 90 this year, 400 o come; heavy Stalin tanks - 60 now, 40 to come; other medium tanks - 500 already acquired; also armoured carriers noval equipment which will give Egypt seven destroyers and 12 submairnes, transport planes, medium and small tanks, heavy arillery, electronic equipment, etc.

Several members of both Houses of Congress had Drummond's column reprinted in the Congressional Record adding their own protests against aid to Nasser. Senator Kenneth Keating, Republican, of New York, said that "under no circumstances should our stepped-up aid to Nasser provide the margin for him" to build-up his military [illegible] Israel. Congressman William Fitts Ryan, [illegible] of New York, said that when the U.S. might indirectly help Egypt buy large quantities of weapons from the Soviet Union, and when Egypt "is dedicated to destroying a great democracy, Israel, the U.S. should quickly investigate the situation before it threatens peace."

"NO Assurances From Nasser" — Kennedy

Washington, (JCNS) President Kennedy told his Press Conference that he has "received no information or assurances from President Nasser in regard to any future policy decision which he might make."

The President was asked whether it was true that he and President Nasser had engaged "in extensive correspondence, not all of which has been made public," and if so, has Nasser indicated anything about his Middle East policies, or given assurances "that would make him eligible for aid now" from the U.S.

President Kennedy replied: "I don't know about that. We haven't had any extensive correspondence, and as you know most of the assistance we have been giving Egypt had been in foodstuffs. We continue to attempt to have good relations with the United Republic, but I have received no information or assurances from President Nasser in regard to any future decision which he might make."

Dateline: NEW YORK

By Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

RELIGIOUS BOOM AND MORAL BUST

At the inaugural meeting of the American Jewish Philosophical Society, earlier this month, Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan strongly sided with those who are declared as "pessimists" in the American Jewish Community. In a masterful address on "Covenant, Revelation, the Eternal and their Relations in Jewish Philosophy to the Non-Eternal, the Flexible and the Human." the father of Reconstructionism concended that the current "religious boom is in fact a moral bust." Indeed, there is an impressive institution efflorescence of religion. Synagogue membership (like church membership) is the highest it has ever been, but "religion" has about as much a connection with the activities in the new synagogues as has the piped-in "background music in supermarkets, railway stations and air terminals with what is actually attended to in those places."

Professor Kaplan told me later that if there had been sufficient time he would have elaborated on the metaphor of "background music" which does not spark movement and participation. Even "rock 'n' roll" and "twist" music is preferable to "background" music in the supermarkets, Dr. Kaplan averred, "for those who dance the twist 'respond.'" He added: "Of course, what we want is religious response on the high level of purposive listening to music and on the pitch of intensity of the response of the ballet dancer and opera singer to the musical score." As for effecting this goal and turning "the moral bust" into "a moral boom," Professor Kaplan holds that it will require the Reconstructionism he has been expounding for the past forty years and more, especially since the founding of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in 1912.

"LONELY FORTIES" CITY

"Loneliness" is a key word in the New York vocabulary, the U.S. city with the largest number of forlorn people over forty. Like London, New York has abundant social opportunities for Jewish young people and a large variety of Golden Age clubs affiliated to synagogues and various organisations, but almost none for "lonely hearts" who are too young to join the elderly.

While psychologist Eric P. Mosse, author of "The Conquest of loneliness," diagnoses loneliness as "a characteristic and inescapable malady of modern man" in the U.S., and particularly in New York, it is a typical affliction of women — widows, divorcees and spinsters. There are seven and a half million widows in the U.S.A. and nearly ten million women-without-men. According to Professor Ashley Montagu. women are the superior sex biologically, and thus they outlive men. Notwithstanding the headstart nature gives the male (male births exceed female births), in a monogamous society large numbers of women are condemned to loneliness.

"The positive approach," characteristic of American meliorism as a whole. is also the orientation of the psychologists and social workers counselling the lonely. "Loneliness is not the disease of "being alone." Dr. Mosse writes. "It is the disease of 'feeling' alone."

Unlike the warm-hearted champions espousing the cause of the lonely forties in The Jewish Chronicle U.S. psychologists hold that loneliness is self-made. Since pity begets self-pity, U.S. psychologists decry it. In counselling the lonely they aim at making them understand the ancient Jewish wisdom that "no man attains all the desires of his heart" and that there is no mortal who has not his bundle of "Tzors." Work, involvement in causes and "good deeds" are the therapeutically approved regimen for the lonely.

BRIGHT AND BRAINY

The highest honours in two recent mathematical contests for high school students went to two New York Jewish teenagers. This year, as in previous years, the Jewish winners of New York Regents Scholarships were again disproportionately large. Reports from all parts of the country and on a variety of educational contests indicate that Jews excel in educational success.

This fact has been duly noted by sociologists and psychologists. Thus far, however, no satisfactory explanation has been offered. Like Gerald Abrahams in his "The Jewish Mind" (the American edition is being well received), they profess that all that can safely be stated is "that Jews have always rejoiced in the things of the mind, and have organized lives and their laws in many intellectual ways."

According to a new study of "Creativity and Intelligence" by Jacob W. Getzels and Philip W. Jackson, "the highly intelligent and highly creative adolescent" usually comes from a family where reading is highly esteemed and where both the father and the mother have high I.Q.s and specialized educational training superior to that of "the general population."

These findings and those of Lewis M. Terman's pioneer studies on gifted children prove that educational success depends as much. if not more, on "nurture" than on "nature". With respect to Jewish eucational sucess, Israel Zangwill's adage that a chosen people is a choosing people remains pertinent in the U.S.A.

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Letters To The Editor

The 'Insolent' Reviewer Replies

Dear Editor:-

The refreshing attitudes displayed in Dr. Jacob Leunammi's letter (CJN issue of June 7) have served to dispel my naivete. I had imagined that the issue of evolution as a source of controversy had been settled to the satisfaction of every intelligent person by the Scopes trial in Tennessee more than thirty - five years ago. The edifying transcript of that famous and far-reaching trial should be compulsory reading for Dr. Leunammi and the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

An understandable disinclination to dissect the obvious deters me from raising the hoary arguments with which Darrow demolished Bryan and his supporters and made them a laughing stock before the world. Even the Catholic Church, not known for hasty decisions or scientific radicalism, has decided to live with evolution as an incontrovertible fact of life.

Yesterday I asked an eminent biologist, a professor of a recognized Ontario University, if there was any difference of opinion among scientists about the validity of evolution. His considered answer was clear and unmistakeable. "There is not a reputable biologist or geologist anywhere in the world who disagrees with the basic theory. In addition, every college text-book in these subjects assumes evolution as a recognized and established principle. The only disagreements that exist are concerned with modifications or specialized aspects of evolution, not with the general idea itself." I inquired what he meant by a "reoutable scientist." He answered, "One who holds an academic position of some distinction and who has received the recognition of his colleagues."

In the light of the foregoing, to assert, as does the Lubavitcher Rebbe, that "It has not a shred of evidence to support it" is not only ignorant but irresponsible and fatuous. When the Rebbe adds: "Even if the theory of evolution were substantiated today and the mutation of species were proven in laboratory tests, this would still not contradict the possibility of the world having been created as stated in the Torah" he removes himself to a world of fantasy, far removed from the realities of the second half of the twentieth century. A visit to any large museum of natural history would do wonders for the good doctor and the estimable Rebbe.

I read the Rebbe's essay with a growing sense of frustration and incredulity. Does he actually believe that God planted fossils to confound Paleontologists? How can he hold that geologic eons were telescoped in some mysterious manner in order to fit the biblical chronology? Surely the Rebbe has heard of the authoritative radioactive method of dating ancient materials? Does he expect intelligent people to accept his view that scientists are merely being "inventive and ingenious" perverse and ornery when they come up with new scientific formulations? If the Rebbe believes, at the very outset, that Torah is truth and science merely theory, how can he approach the entire matter with any kind of intellectual detachment or impartiality? If Naaseh must precede V'nishma then the Rebbe must rule himself out of any cogent discussion as being incapable of open-mindness.

The Rebbe and his Hasidim can't have it both ways. If they demand a literal interpretation of scripture they must forego any attempt to benefit from the findings and formulations of science. If, on the other hand, they desire the cachet of scientific respectability they must relinquish their narow approach. It will not do to twist or warp one to serve the other.

In the long run, religion is better served when its practitioners confine themselves to the realm of the spirit. Ill-considered attempts to enter the lists against well established, if unpalatable, scientific beliefs must lead to the discrediting of religion, the misleading of the young and to Chillul Hashem.

Long ago in Pirke Aboth, Abtalion put it tersely and aptly: "wise men, take heed of your words. . . lest the disciples that come after you drink and die and the name of Heaven be profaned.

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BAT MITZVAH — HOW?

Dear Editor:

In your Canadian Jewish News (June 1st), Dr. I. M. Cass, in demanding celebration o fthe Bat Mitzvah in the Synagogue, expresses the opinion that "a Bat Mitzvah can conform to Halacha and still add meaning, depth and beauty to our Synagogue Service." — He suggests, "rather than call the Bat Mitzvah to the Torah, her father be given an Aliyah on her special Sabbath and she be allowed to give a dissertation on the Sidra or the Haftarah".

I agree with his demand that just as festivities mark the boy's becoming Bar Mitzvah so should celebrations honour the girl's attaining Bat Mitzvah.

Upon her rests the greatest responsibility for the sanctificaion of the Jewish Home, which will guaranee the preservation of our people. But, Dr. Cass' suggestion certainly shows a misconception of the role of the Orthodox-historic-Synagogue and the Traditional Jewish [illegible] of Prayer. It would be worthwhile for him to [illegible] read the book, "The [illegible]y of the Synagogue" by Boruch Litvin [illegible] then ealize that [illegible]osen the "derech ketzarah vaarukah", the easy way which leads to doom and disaster, rather than the strengthening of our glorious traditions, which have been hallowed through blood and tears.

I would suggest that the PTA—or Mother Associations of our Hebrew Schools should arrange an annual gathering, in form of a reception, (G-d forbid a lavish party), to honour all Bat Mitzvah girls of the year. On this occasion, the Bat Mitzvah girls could deliver speeches on appropriate topics and they should all be presented with religious gifts. The parents should take special note of this milestone in their daughter's life. On the Bat Mitzvah's Sabbath, the whole family should attend the Synagogue Services, at which—the father should be called to the Torah reading in honour of his daughter, as Dr. Cass suggested. Also, a special Birthday Party should be celebrated at home in a religious festive manner.

These celebrations should help impress our daughters that it has been the woman — through the atmosphere of genuine piety that she created in the home—who has been the carrier of Jewish Life throughout the ages. As the Psalmist says, "The king's daughter within the palace is all glorious". (Psalms 45:14)

DAVID GROSSMAN

CANADIANA

● In the year 1903, the Dau-ters of the Zionist Revisionists were in Paris and their official organ appeared in Russian? (Can anyone today imagine Russian being the official language of an international Zionist party?)

● 36 years ago, in 1926, the main speaker for a Keren Hayesed campaign in Toronto (the ancestor of the United Israel Campaign) was Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland?

● In the year 1903, the Dau-ghters of Zion, a group of Toronto Jewish teen-agers (the term, no doubt, would have been unfamiliar to them) raised $175 for the victims of the Kishinev pogrom?

Most of the above facts were gleaned from the Hadassah Jubilee book published in Toronto in 1927 and edited by the youngster Louis Rasminsky (yes, the one who now heads the Bank of Canada)?

● In 1927 the World Headquar-

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

THE DIVINE LIGHT

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm cxix. 105)

One does not need an excessive measure of imagination to appreciate the Psalmist's use of the symbol of light. He realised that just as light is necessary to guide one through the dark places so one requires instruction to guide one through life. Light has always been regarded as something positive and good as opposed to darkness which is negative and evil. Thus we speak of man in misery as living in darkness whilst happiness brings light. Ignorance is equated with darkness but knowledge brings enlightenment. A people saved from catastrophe speaks of "light of salvation." Hope is light to those who cherish it and it guides them through the gloomy places. All these expressions have become an integral part of our daily speech and they find their origin in Scripture.

The Jew has been given a deeper insight into the significance of the symbol of light because he was probably the first among the nations to associate light with God. Judaism teaches that light was God's primary creation, for the dawn of human history began when the command was issued: "let there be light." The religious mystic taught that the source of that light was God himself, for in the words of Daniel, "Liaht resideth with Him." This same idea leads us to speak of "the light of God's countenance," an expression so full of poetic beauty, revealing the complete conviction that illumination comes from God alone and that all the virtues which we associate with light emanate from that source. The Torah itself is the bearer of this light as conveyed in the words, "For the commandment is a lamp and the Torah is light."

Since this is the embodiment of truth, we have reason to pray with the Psalmist, "Send forth thy light and thy truth that they may lead me." These lofty concepts find their sublime expression in our daily prayers, for as we recite the closing passage of the Amidah each day we say: "Bless us, O our Father, with the light of thy countenance; for by the light of thy countenance, hast thou given us the law of life, loving kindness and righteousness, blessing, mercy, life and peace."

This testimony to the place which the symbol of light occupies in our thought and speech prompts us to recall the Menorah and the place of honour which it enjoyed in the first sanctuary built by the Israelites and in each of the subsequent Temples. It stood near the Holy of Holies. Its lamps were cunningly devised to convey the impression that it gave forth one unified flame. Around it has been woven a host of midrashic expositions as to its artistry and design. Legend has it that it was never destroyed but disappeared when the Temple fell into the hands of its conquerors.

This Menorah was one of the sacred vessels of the Temple and yet its function differed from all others. It was not an instrument of worship, but stood as a permanent symbol. Whilst all other implements were required to be used in the service of God, the Menorah stood as a reminder of the needs of man. The light was not offered to God for he is the source of all light. It was man in his own self-made darkness who needed to be concerned for he stands in need of the light. His is the task to search for the "hidden light" which came into being when the world was created, when all was whole and unblemished. He must rediscover the light which will bring him his sorely needed illumination and awaken in him the awareness to strive for enlightenment, life, mercy, righteousness and the blessing of peace.

ONLY IN AMERICA

By HARRY GOLDEN

The Ultimate Weapon

The ultimate weapon in that battery of weapons life has designed to reduce all of us to nervous fits of idiotic imbecility must be the telephone.

If you are taking a shower and the doorbell rings, do you rush from the shower, towel draped around you, water dripping in your wake? No, you do not. You dry yourself carefully, put on your attire, and answer the door. But the ring of a telephone galvanizes most of us into action like a fire alarm.

And for what? All good news comes by post and all bad news by telegram. The telephone is wonderful for making the appointment or setting the time and place for the great decision, and we dare not minimize its value in the intellectual advancement of modern man. But we do not get all of this for nothing. There is a price to be paid.

For one, it is hard to get off the telephone once the connection is made. I have found only one successful gambit to get someone off the telephone if I am impatient with their chatting. Usually I say, "Let me call you back, there's a lady here," and most people will hang up right then and begin to wonder what did I really mean by that. Let them.

I have never asked a man an important question on the telephone that I got a straight answer. If I asked, say, my publisher how many books did I sell, he is loath to leave the telephone to open the file to get them. Leaving someone on the wire unattended is like suspending a child in irreality. It makes strong men weep.

Another great annoyance is that I have three different telephone numbers. When the phone rings I look like a maniac let loose on a punchboard trying to find out which line is on. Before I do, I manage to disconnect the call with my frenzied pushing of buttons.

But the worst telephone experience of all is the family that thinks it is cute to let their five-year-old boy answer the phone. "May I speak to your daddy," you say as the kid keeps talking with lots of laughter in the background, and the only sensible thing to do is hang up.

Poetry And Traffic Control

Justly Americans are called the most generous people in the world. Giving is now a major industry.

The professional fund-raisers draw billions out of the economy each year. Americans have given to Ireland, Italy, China, and Israel, to animals and to associations, to symphonettes and students, to preachers and painters.

Sometimes they have given wisely, sometimes not so wisely but for the last several decades they have been giving in ever-increasing amounts with ever-increasing readiness. Buying girl-scout cookies is as incumbent upon a family as paying taxes and a lot easeir.

But it strikes me there are two endeavors to which Americans give virtually nothing. In fact they are stingy. Americans do not give money to poetry and they donate nothing to traffic control. This is an awesome combination not to give anything to.

No one has ever solicited me for my yearly contribution to poetry as they do, say, for the community chest, soliciting not only me but my employees. And I know of no organization with national headquarters and famous men on its letterhead who want funds to study or propose how to get rid of the traffic problem which blights our life and our city.

It is quite true there are poetry prizes — the Lamont Prize, the Bollingen, the Pulitzer, all of them donated by interested citizens, but if all those prizes add up to $50,000 they are adding up to a lot more than I think they do. A good rummage sale in some cities brings that much. While there are no more prizes for fiction or history, the novelist can hope he sells his book to the movies and the competent historian gets a promotion.

As far as traffic control goes, all people really offer is a lot of grumpy advice. Questioned closely, most of the citizenry would suggest that there ought to be an easier way to fix a ticket than paying a fine. While we are worried about the population explosion, no one seems particularly concerned with the automotive explosion. I wonder where are we going to store all the battered useless crates when they are no longer second-hand cars.

As the gas fumes and the accidents overcome us, perhaps the agitators of population-explosion are smart after all.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Rebellious Daughter

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION: I am a girl in the ninth grade. I get fairly good marks and expect to go to college. I have an unusual problem.

I despise my father. He calls me idiot, brat, stupid and monster. He constantly tells me to keep quiet. He feels I am disrespectful to him. Every time I try to speak about a subject of which he disapproves or express an opinion with which he doesn't agree, he calls me fresh.

I feel terrible about this, because I wish I could adore my father the way other girls do. Among my friends, I am the only one in this situation.

My mother is the only one I love. Even though she may admit I am wrong, she doesn't take this attitude toward me.

ANSWER: It you did not love your father so much, you would not have to express so much hatred for him in order to be able to let go of him. Parents and children sometimes create discord so that, in the reconciliation that follows, they can show how much they really care for each other.

Thus they say to each other that no matter what happens, their love will triumph in the end.

Sometimes a child uses a provocation and the fight that follows it to test where she stands with the parents. She assesses their opinion of her by the way she is treated, and also by how far they let her go in telling them off.

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While parents can reprimand and punish a child, the youngster feels that she has no way of calling the parents to task for behavior that the parent would consider misbehavior in anyone else. The youngster reasons that they should practice the self-control that they preach. Yet she finds it hard to ask the parents why they, the older ones, can lose their temper while she, the little, inexperienced one, is punished for having a tantrum.

Some youngsters find it hard to pull away from their parents. They feel they have to cling to them until they have paid off all their indebtedness for all they have taken from them. Others have a mortal fear of going out on their own.

Your father's anger may be due to his feeling that he is up against a stone wall. You may be so busy preparing your rebuttals even before he has expressed his opinion that you do not really listen to him. It may be that the only time he does get to you is when he calls you names and belittles you.

If, as seems likely, you cover what you really feel for him with contempt and dislike, he has no other alternative but to react with anger. Such an attitude on the part of a child is much more disrespectful and belittling than any words a parent uses in anger.

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Very small children have various ingenious ways of keeping their parents apart. You, at your age, try to divide your parents by making your mother into a goddess and your father into an ogre. You hope that with your mother on your side, the two of you, united, can stand pitted against the male in the family.

This strategy will not work. You can be sure that your parents will stand as one, not only with respect to each other but also in their loving concern for you.

Greater consideration of your father through giving up provocative behavior and talk which you know annoy him could clear the atmosphere. Then you could express openly the affection which you really feel for him.

Traveling In Paris

QUESTION: We are two girls who are very good friends. We are both outgoing, friendly and intelligent. We are very similar in all respects. We have the same taste in friends, clothes and boys. We give the same general appearance.

We feel that at this age a girl's friendship is more important than a boy's. We usually like the same boys, and the boy we like likes both of us and can't decide which of us to pick. So far we have never fought over a boy, because of our attitude toward friendship.

We realize that this is ridiculous, because it is happening too often and we both get hurt. We are now entering the same college. We feel that we will run into the same complications and we wish to avoid them. We won't give up our friendship, but we want boys to like us individually and we don't want the same boy if it can be avoided.

The obvious answer is to make different acquaintances and not to stay together so much. But the obvious is not the solution, for we enjoy staying with each other.

ANSWER: The obvious can only become a solution when the psychological needs that are responsible for your relationship are faced.

Fear of leaving the parents is sometimes handled by a transfer of dependency from the parents to a friend. This friend can be either of the same or the opposite sex, though most often it is a companion of the same sex who is chosen.

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There seems to be something like a twinship relationship between you. You act as one when threatened or challenged, but then try to cut loose from each other when desired. When you are treated as one, and liked without any difference by one boy, you find it offensive. Until now your anger or hostility was taken out on the boy who reacted this way. Now, it is turning, though not as yet too obviously, into rivalry and competition with each other.

This makes you feel bad, because it is tantamount to an act of disloyaly to a loved one. The friendship that was like a twinship is now becoming less friendly in anticipation of the liberation which each of you wants from the other. This wish to halt your dependency upon each other is a healthy and a timely one. To continue it much longer on this immature level might hold you back in more areas than just the social one.

Although you may be similar in many respects, you still have many differences that could give you distinction and uniqueness.

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Books & Men

Isaac Bashevis Singer: His Magic Has Made Him A Great Yiddish Story Teller

by Harold U. Rigalow

ISAAC B. SINGER

It is ironic that in an age when the Yiddish language writers are most imaginative that the audience for their work has declined. Although it is not my purpose to analyse the reasons for the loss of Yiddish readership, it is worth observing that at least one Yiddish writer, Isaac Bashevis Singer, has earned a reputation as one of the finest, most brilliant and fascinating creative writers on the world literary scene.

Singer himself, who earns his livelihood writing for a Yiddish daily newspaper in New York, the "Forward," has responded with wit and penetration to the challenge of the declining Yiddish audience in the contemporary world. He has five reasons for continuing to produce stories and novels in Yiddish. In his words, in brief, here are the reasons:

"I have to write ghost stories, and nothing fits a ghost better than a dying language . . . I not only believe in ghosts but also in resurrection. I am sure that millions of Yiddish-speaking corpses will rise from their graves one day . . I have seen what happened to Hebrew . . . The same thing may still happen to Yiddish . . . It is not the time to snub the dying now . . . Yiddish may be dying, but it is the only language I know really well. Yiddish is my mother language and those who are near to us are never dead."

OUTSTANDING NOVELISI

When his huge tome, "The Family Moskat," appeared in English in 1950, it attracted a substantial audience and won good critical notices, but the American public was familiar with ambitious Jewish novels about family chronicles in Europe. Had Singer's work ceased to appear in English, "The Family Moskat" would not have been enough to elicit continuing acclaim for his craftsmanship. But better, more startling stories and novels were issued, and today he is ranked with the outstanding novelists of our age.

Quite obviously, Singer is not a realistic writer, and it is only when his "ghost" stories were made available in English that a new generation of readers fell under his spell. There is no space here to discuss in detail every one of his novels and short tales, but I hope to convey his unusual world as projected in handful of his stories and a recent novel.

The novel is "The Magician or Lublin," a remarkable story, dazzlingly told and full of passion, lyricism and sadness. Yasha Mazur is the magician. He's 40 years of age, and looks ten years younger. He is married to a barren wife and, as he performs in city after city in Poland, he wins mistresses wherever he goes. Sex-driven, the magician seeks out women, all kinds of women, regardless of their appearance or their religion. He tours the countryside with Magda, flat-chested Christian girl, while in a small town near Lublin he has a mistress named Zeftel, whose husband is a gangster. Simultaneously, Yasha is carrying on a romantic but unfulfilled love affair with Emilia, the widow of a Christian professor. Emilia is ready to marry Yasha only if he converts to Christianity, a step he is unwilling to take.

FATE

In his relationship with Zeftel, Yasha meets Jewish gangsters, and Singer, in these sections of his novel, introduces us to a group of men who exist beyond the law. Except for Isaac Babel, the Russian-Jewish writer, who else has written about Jewish gangsters? But Singer's aim is not merely to create a Jewish Don Juan. He is telling a moral tale in his own fashion. Yasha is an excellent thief — he thinks — but when he tries to rob a rich old man he discovers — irony of ironies! — that he, a magician, cannot force the old man's simple safe. He runs away, becomes a fugitive and — in a nightmarish scene of running, running, running — finds that even Zeftel has betrayed him and that he cannot escape his fate as a thief.

Yasha twice enters a synagogue and, although he had been alien to his Jewish heritage, realises a sort of fulfilment among the ancient Jews observing their ancient rituals. "The prayer house," he reflects, "was like a barracks; there God's children were mustered."

In a characteristic Singer twist, Yasha changes his entire way of life, and is a remarkable conclusion to his novel the thieving magician, full of lust and scorn, becomes a saintly Jew. Within the context of the novelist's complex and imaginative mind, this ending is completely logical, but you have to read the novel and you sympathise with him.

In his latest collection of stories, "The Spinoza of Market Street", Singer does not extend his range but deepens it. Again, his world is full of devils with bats' wings and cobwebbed feet. His scholarly Jews fall under Satan's spell and his men and women are driven by lust. The mood of this volume is characteristically and brilliantly expressed in a brief parable entitled "Shiddah and Kuziba". Shiddah is an evil spirit. Her body "was made of cobwebs; her hair reached to her ankle-bones; her feet were like those of a chicken; and she had the wings of a bat." Her son Kuziba resembled his mother, but also had "donkey's ears and wax horns." They are hiding in the nether regions, but man may soon discover their home. "What "are" human beings, mother?" Kuziba asks. And she replies, "They're the waste of creation, offal; where sin is brewed in a kettle, man is the foam. Man is the mistake of God."

Repeating his earlier themes, Mr. Singer includes in this book "The Destruction of Kreshev," which is a companion-piece to "The Gentleman from Cracow." In it, a young bride is persuaded by her scholarly and evilminded husband, a student of the Cabbala, to commit adultery. The townspeople are shocked when the husband denounces his wife. The unfortunate woman hangs herself; the husband realises he has lost a true love, and the town is destroyed. The manner in which sexuality is introduced on the marriage bed, the unatural passions that [illegible] the weaving of mystical Judaic teachings and plain lust — all these elements are blended by Singer into a powerful, frightening story. It is no wonder that this originality, this looking at the world with fresh though sharp eyes, has fascinated the American reader. Singer is an original. No one else abides in his world. It is unreal, ghostlike, full of images invoked also by impressionist painters who splash their canvases crazily but brightly. But the magic of Singer's soaring prose, his ability to create devils in a world which we do not inhabit but which is close enough for recognition, hold us and entrance us. We are in the presence of a master not only of words but of imagination. We may be uneasy in his world of devils. We may be shocked by his lack of inhibitions. But we are also caught up by him and acknowledge his mastery.

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Montreal Synagogue News

IMPRESSIVE GRADUATION AT YOUNG ISRAEL

The Annual Graduation exercises of Young Israel Day School took place on Wednesday evening, June 20, at the main Synagogue of Young Israel of Montreal.

The impressive ceremony opened with the academic procession, and feature liturgical renditions by Cantor Zvi Halperin and vocal selections in Hebrew, Yiddish, English and French by the school choir, conducted by Mr. Y. Vineberg.

This year's graduating class compromises 19 students, 13 of whom have already registered for Hebrew High School and Yeshivah study. The class is celebrating its Siyum of the Book of Deuteronomy with Rashis commentary, as well as of the Biblical books of Amos, Jonah and Micah.

Graduation also took place for the first time for a class of 19 students who have successfully completed the Afternoon Religious School classes. These students have had a six year Hebrew School curriculum with instruction being given 7½ hrs. per week.

The Valedictorian addresses were given: for the Day School, in English, by Eva Basch and, in Hebrew and Yiddish, by Abraham Meller; for the Afternoon School, in Hebrew, by Henry Braun and, in English, by Myer Kattan.

The Day School Graduates are: Deborah Baer, Eva Basch, Janice Beiss, Lyon Greenblatt, Violet Herzfeld, Richard Litvack, Bernice Lydynia, Abraham Meller, Rudy Melnitzer, Annette Nirenberg, Esther Remer, Marilyn Roher, Andre Rosenbaum, Bryna Polonsky, Naomi Spiro, Rela Stern, Diane Treiser, Stanley Urman, Earl Veinish.

The Afternoon Religious School Graduates are: Henry Braun, David Choueke, Ezra Choueke, Kay Closner, Joseph Cramer, Meir Deutsch, Lion Feigenbaum, Thomas Gluck, Myer Kattan, Esther Lifshitz, Sally Luft, Melvin Maitlitz, Lydia Miller, Lorna Pilzmaker, Carol Silverstone, Michael Spiro, Michael Tenenbaum, Agnes Weiss, Julia Weiss.

CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM

The Graduation Exercises of the Class of 5722 of the Hebrew Religious School and Leaders Training Fellowship took place in the Main Synagogue on Thursday, May 31st. Heading the processional of the graduates were RABBI WILFRED SHUCHAT, Spiritual Leader; HAZZAN NATHAN MENDELSON; DR. HARRY C. BALLIN, President of Shaar Hashomayim; MR. FRED PACKER, Chairman, School Committee; DR. GEORGE STREAN, Chairman, Extension Activities Committee; MR. WILLIAM ABRAMS, Chairman, Joint L.T.F. Committee; MR. SAMUEL LERNER, Principal; and MR. BENJAMIN HERSON, Director of Extension Activities.

On the Bimah were DR. MICHAEL GUGGENHEIN, members of the Faculty and MISS ETHEL GALLAMAN, Custodian of Diplomas and Awards.

A Cantata entitled "Ani Ma' Amin" — "Our Pledge of Faith", compiled by Mr. Samuel Lerner, based on "The Thirteen Articles of Faith" by Maimonides, was admirably presented by the graduates under the inspired direction of MR. YEHUDA VINEBERG, musical director, with MRS. M. N. FINEBERG at the organ.

The Invocations in Hebrew and English were given by DEBBIE ROSNER and HARRY BLOCK respectively.

The Valedictorians in Hebrew and English were MURRAY BARON and ROSALIE KATHRON. The presentation on behalf of the Graduating Class to the Library was made by SARA BETH SALMON as an expression of appreciation to the Congregation. Mr. Learner introduced the graduates; Mr. Packer made the presentation of the Diplomas and Dr. Ballin, the Awards.

Among the awards presented was The Rabbi Herman Abramowitz Medal, awarded to MURRAY BARON, who was the highest ranking pupil in the Hebrew Religious School. Other awards presented commemorated former graduates of the School who gave their lives in the service of Canada and the Commonwealth during the Second World War. Each graduate received two gift book presentations through the courtesy of the Shaar Hashomayim Sisterhood and Mr. Mortimer S. Vineberg and the Estate of the late Mr. Louis I. Vineberg.

The Valedictory in Hebrew on behalf of L.T.F. was delivered by MILDRED MOROFF and in English by SUSAN JACOBSON. A presentation to the Library was made by TIME ISRAEL PERVIN, President of L.T.F. MR. HERSON introduced the graduates and recipients of awards of the Leaders Training Fellowship. DR. STREAN made the presentation of Diplomas and MR. ABRAMS, the Awards amongst them the coveted Travelling Fellowships to Israel made possible by the gracious sponsorship of the Sisterhood and Men's Association under the patronage o fthe Board of Trustees.

RABBI WILFRED SHUCAT delivered the "Address to the Graduates".

Following the Exercises, a reception in honor of the graduates and their families took place in the Community Hall.

ELEVENTH TORAH INSTITUTE

The Eleventh Torah Institute in the Laurentians of the Men's Association took place June 15th, 16th and 17th at Ste. Agathe. The theme of the Institute was "Jewish Contribution to World Ethics" with MR. BENJAMIN HERSON as faculty guest. MR. MAURICE H. BROTMAN was General Chairman. REVEREND J. J. FROMM conducted the Sabbath Services. The Institute Committee comprises, in addition to the General Chairman. Parnass, MR. ALEXANDER I. POPLIGER; Treasurer, MR. HAROLD SHAPIRO; Secretary, MR. MENDEL SEGAL; Historian, DR. A. STILMAN; Advisory, RABBI WILFRED SHUCHAT and MR. HERSON. Chairmen of the various functions of the Institute are: MESSRS. A. I. POPLIGER, SAM N. SCHACTER, NAT BRUKER, JOE ELIESEN and HARRY BRADSHAW MR. S. LADDIE KERT, President of the Men's Association, extended greetings, chaired the annual meeting and gave the presidential report. A highlight of the proceedings was a symposium on "Ethics in Business and Civic Affairs", moderated by DR. STILMAN, with MESSRS. EDGAR H. COHEN and ALVYN SHILLER as discussants.

The Institute is aimed to revive the traditional fellowship of learning characteristic of Judaism, to foster a spirit of congeniality in an atmosphere of natural and Sabbath beauty and to increase an acquaintance with the sources of the Jewish heritage. Those who periencing a Torah Institute have had the privilege of exremember it as an unforgettable event in their lives.

CONGREGATION SHEVET ACHIM

The following Officers were recently elected to the Brotherhood of Congregation Shevet Achim for the forthcoming season: MR. H. AXLER, Immediate Past President; MR. I. WINSTAN. President; MESSRS. H. ANCEL, M. BORER, B. WAXMAN, Associate Vice-Presidents; MR. G. KAUFMAN, Secretary; MR. S. COHEN, Treasurer.

The following Officers were recently elected to the Sisterhood of Congregation Shevet Achim for the forthcoming season: MRS. I. SCHARF, Immediate Past President; MRS. M. BORER, President; MRS. HERSHEL COHEN. Vice-President; MRS. M. LIEBMAN, Treasurer; MRS. E. KARPMAN, Recording Secretary; MRS. SOL COHEN, Corresponding Secretary.

YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY

The Sisterhood of the Young Israel of Chomedey held a Strawberry Festival and Cocktail Party on June 19th at the Synagogue, 1025 Elizabeth Boulevard, Chomedey. MRS. J. SPECTOR presided and a strawberry queen was crowned.

BETH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD

MRS. MARTIN RUBIN was recently elected President of the Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood. Other members of the Executive include: MRS. HARRY FUTORNICK, MRS. HARRY RAPKIN, MRS. LIONEL ROSENTHALL and MRS. PHILIP ROSENBAUM, Vice-Presidents; MRS. HARRY WOLFE, Treasurer; MRS. JACK ORNSTEIN, Recording Secretary; and MRS. LOUIS GERTSMAN, Corresponding Secretary.

MERKAZ HATORAH

MRS. S. LEVINE was recently elected President of the Merkaz Hatorah Yeshiva Parent and Teachers Association.

Her executive comprises: MRS. F. BERGIDA and MRS. C. SOLOMBROSKY, Vice-Presidents; MRS. N. ZINNER, Recording Secretary; MRS. M. PIASETSKY, Corresponding Secretary; MRS. E. HOLLANDER, Treasurer; and MRS. L. JACUBOVIC, Head Class Mother.

BETH MOISHE

The Sisterhood of the Congregation Beth Moishe held its Annual Dinner at the Synagogue Auditorium on June 12th. MRS. J HISLOP and MRS. J. JACOBSON were the Conveners.

YOUNG ISRAEL ST. LAURENT

MRS. SAUL COHEN was installed as President of the Young Israel of St Laurent at a Membership and Installation Tea on June 19th at 805 Gougeon Street

Other Officers installed were: MRS. L. RAVEN, MRS. H. SOLMAN, MRS. B. BERCOVITCH. MRS. J. VATCH. MRS. B. GERSON and MRS. L. SHUGAR, Executive members. RABBI H. NEWMARK WAS THE Installing Officer.

BETH HAMIDRAH HAGADOL

MRS. S. GLASSMAN was recently elected President of the Congregation Beth Hamedrash Hagodal Sisterhood, which held its closing Paid-up Membership Supper on June 13th at the Community Hall, 4605 Mackenzie Street.

Montreal Orbituary

Gaiskin, Isack, on June 9th, 1962, beloved husband of Dina, father of Paddy and Lillian (Mrs. H. Rosen) and one granddaughter, Sharon.

Kaplan, Louis, on June 9th, 1962, beloved husband of Becky Indman and fother of Sam, Mrs. Harry Freedman (Clara), of Ottawa, and David, also survived by 6 grandchildren.

Lang, Bessie, on June 11th, 1962, beloved wife of Philip Lang, mother of Mrs. Lena Gilberg (Goldberg), Leonard and Herbert, sister of Albert, William, Harry, Meyer Firestone and the late Esther Brown and the late Mendel Firestone, also survived by four grandchildren.

Marcus, Clara, on June 9th, 1962, wife of the late Louis Marcus, beloved mother of Mrs. Abe Keller (Fay), and Sol Marcus, also survived by 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Miller, Sarah, on June 12th, wife of the late Issie Miller, beloved mother of Celia, Tillie, Rose, Dave and Lottie, sister of Becky Padveen, Sam Scopinsky of New York, also survived by three grandchildren.

Palefsky, (Pall), Bertha, on June 10th, 1962, beloved wife of Irving, mother of Alvin and Laurie, sister of Mrs. Vera Ornstein, Mrs. Sue Propas of California and Max Kanevsky.

Rosenberg, Anna (Freed), on June 9th, 1962, wife of Jacob Rosenberg, beloved mother of Norman, Louis, Sam and Sally Freed, also survived by 10 grandchildren.

Rubenstein, Louis, on June 9th, beloved husband of Cecelia Dionne, brother of Mrs. Henry Shapiro (Mary), Mrs. Eli Lazarus (Ray).

Schafer, Harry, on June 9th, 1962, husband of the late Annie Kolber, beloved father of Mrs. L. Halpern (Molly), Moe, Arthur, Mrs. M. Share (Fanny), Mrs. A. Mauer (Jenny), Mrs. A. Babins (Sadie), Nettye, and Mrs. E. Goldstein (Esther), also survived by 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Teitelbaum, Morris, on June 10th, 1962, beloved husband of Goldie, father of Leon, Mrs. Ricci Rosenthal, and Sam, brother of Abe, Meyer, Mrs. Benjamin Richman (Toba), Mrs. Lena Sacks, Mrs. Sheindal Klorfine, Mrs. Sarah Kirsch, also survived by 10 grandchildren.

Wiselberg, Sarah, on June 11th, wife of the late Samuel Wiselberg, beloved mother of Philip, Mrs. Rose Rozansky, sister of Jack and Avrum Bigler, Mrs. Rose Ribkoff, also survived by 4 grandchildren.

Wittenberg, Irving, on June 10th, 1962, beloved husband of Anne Savitsky, father of Stanley and Rhonda, brother of Solomon Meyer, Mrs. S. Meyers (Bess), Sam, Mrs. Yetta Zack, Ben, Mrs. H. Arnold (Anne).

The Elite Chocolate Lady plucks her harp over the Elite Coffee pyramid at Vienna Exhibit.

Israeli Products

TEL AVIV SETS RECORD IN FOOD MANUFACTURING

Rising standards of living have created a demand for more food factories and wider range of products. But the supply has long outdistanced the local demand, with the result that the efforts of the producers are increasingly bent on exports. These efforts have resulted in an export volume of $13.5 milion in January/September 1961, as compared with $12.3 milion in the first nine months of 1960 ($15.03 million during the whole of 1960.)

The principal export foods were citrus products ($7.5 million in January-September 1961), edible oils (3.9 million), wines ($387,000), sweets and chocolates ($472,000), poultry feed, tinned fruits and vegetables, instant coffee, biscuits, matzot, dehydrated soups, etc. During the past year there has been a notable increase in the export of basic citrus juices for industrial purposes.

Recent developments in the food industry include the establishment of two new citrus processing plants in development areas, and a new sugar factory in Kiryat Gat, which is expected to produce 10,000 tons of sugar this year, bringing the total sugar output to 32,000 tons in 1961. The sweets and chocolate factory in Nazareth has begun to specialize in novelties for export. New instant coffee factories were opened in Safad and in Lod. In addition, a critic acid plant is planned for Haifa by a well known American firm.

Woman President Of Italian Zionists

Milan, (JCNS) Dr. Giovanna Luzzatto was re-elected last week President of the Italian Zionist Federation.

Dr. Luzatto, teacher and the wife of the rabbi of the Genoa community, was first elected President last year. She is the only woman in the world to be at the head of a Zionist Federation.

LEONORE HART

A GREAT MONTREALER

Leonore Hart Mourned

Montreal's Mrs. Leonore Hart died on June 2nd, while vacationing in Italy. Funeral services were held last week in New York, where her brother and sister live.

Leonore Hart was a dynamic personality whose interests and activities ranged far and wide. Born in New York City, she came to Montreal in the mid-thirties, where she met Samuel Hart who, at that time, was vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. They were married the following year and settled in Montreal. Leonore Hart was an accomplished musician. For ten years she had been soprano soloist of a well-known choir in N.Y. In Montreal she was instrumental in organizing the music series at the YM-YWHA, and was also active in the McGill Chamber Music Society and the Jewish Music Forum. Her love of the arts was not limited to music alone, for she was also a painter of no mean accomplishment, an avid reader and an avowed world traveler.

However, it is for her work in the community that she is best known. This included a presidency of the Montreal section of the National Council of Jewish Women, vice-presidency of the Montreal United Nations Association and a seat on the advisory board of Shaar Hashamayim Synagogue. She was very active in organizing group excursions to Israel (now a common practice), was a member of the Board of Trustees of the "Y", and president of the women's division of the Elmridge Country Club. She helped organize the Jewish section of the Canadian Red Cross.

While still in her teens (in New York), Mrs. Hart showed all the earmarks of a community leader through her work with the Girl Scouts and Settlement House in the East Side.

When she lost her husband in 1947, she was not broken, but, rather, redoubled her efforts in community work. Leonore Hart was a human dynamo and, with that, a warm and wonderful person, an all too rare phenomenon in our world today. We will not forget her.

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Our People In This Our Country

BY SAUL HAYES Q.C.

Canadian Jewry is the third largest English-speaking community and certainly one of the best organized.

Canadian Jewry observed its 200th anniversary in 1959, but the links with the first settlers who arrived with the British armies during the Seven Years' War have all but disappeared. Actually the 275,000 Jews in Canada share a fairly common origin, being the immigrants, or their children and grandchildren, who arrived from 1896-1913, and in a second wave from 1922-30 and more latterly the 40,000 who arrived from 1946 and who are curently part of Canada's immigration influx. Practically all are from Eastern or Central Europe with Russian, Lithuanian and Polish strains predominating. In the past there never was much of a German, Austrian or Hungarian immigration to this country.

BIGGEST COMMUNITIES

Three communities (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg) which form less than 1% of all Canadian towns and villages in which Jews are resident, contain 81.1% of the total Jewish population of Canada. Montreal and Toronto have the only Jewish communities in which there is a slight majority of wage earners as contrasted with people self-employed. There are only 7 communities with a Jewish population of from 1,000 to 6,000.

The sociological fact which these basic aforementioned statistics confirm is that Canadian Jewish history has no record — real or imaginary — of a "Kulturkampf" between Ostjuden and German Jews as occured in the U.S., nor indeed as in England between Ashkenazi and Sephardi. For that matter, there has never been an anti-Zionist movement nor any significant opposition to Zionism. Moreover, since the same original social milieu is common to most Jews of Canada, and the majority until the late 1930's were foreign-born, homogeneity can be ascribed to Canada's Jews.

NO CARBON COPY

It is a cardinal error in an assessment of community relations programming in Canada to assume that the proximity of Canada to the U.S. and the close organizational connections, make Canadian programmes a carbon copy of those conceived in the vast network of community relations in the U.S. There are many reasons why one should be careful to appreciate the essential differences; some of these are interdependent, others are unconnected. In the first place Canada has always been committed constitutionally to a doctrine of a bi-cultural state and considers a "melting pot" theory as divisive, if not downright treason. Cultural pluralism is merely an extension of the basic constitutional safeguards enacted for French Canada. It is not much of a leap from constitutional guarantees to preserve the integrity of French Canada to a thoroughgoing belief in the rights of all cultural groups to foster their customs, language and folkways. In fact, far from apologizing for such, one would have to explain why they are not fostered. This makes inter-cultural programme the natural aim of minority groups.

SAUL HAYES, Q.C.
Author of this essay is Executive head of the Canadian Jewish Congress and a universally known Jewish leader.

Secondly, much of the community relations work to the U.S. derives its rationale from the doctrines enunciated in its Bill of Rights. In Canada we have no written document of this kind and our liberties are found rather in custom and jurisprudence. One is constrained to say however that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is as active a motivation in Canada as it is in the U.S. though not ennobled by holy writ. The techniques to maintain these tenets are however very different in Canada from those appertaining in the United States.

Thirdly, a fundamental concept activating much of the work of U.S. defence agencies and community councils derives from the U.S. belief that a democracy must separate Church from State else no democracy exists. In the United Kingdom, where there is an established Church, freedom and no democracy are in pretty good shape. In Canada, we have no legal, philosophical,nor practical basis for the separation concept. It is therefore alien for us to talk of the violations of the separation of Church and State doctrine. If unfairness or privilege creep in, they must be attacked here for what they are, and not by resort to the a priori considerations of a philosophic system.

ON NATIONAL LEVEL

Fourthly, we have no truly racist problem. That is to say, the enormously important struggle of North versus South, black versus white, does not intrude upon Canadian life. The Negro minority in the United States is over ten percent, but in Canada so fractional a part of one per cent as to be infinitesimal. Thus, community relations work is not concerned with desegregation, housing laws to eliminate anti-Negro discrimination, and the innumerable other facets of this civil war legacy and current problem.

Fifthly, there is not much room in Canada for a public relations programme to be conducted at local levels. The structure of Canadian Jewry with the Canadian Jewish Congress as a coping stone is inhospitable to such concept. The Canadian Jewish Congress in 1934 made an agreement with the Canadian B'nai B'rith for the conduct of Public Relations programme both of a defensive and positive type. With Congress offices in Montreal (national headquarters), Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Halifax and 4 regional committees covering the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, the three western prairie provinces and British Columbia, there is nothing but ad hoc jobs for individual communities to perform. In some cases, moreover, these very tasks are entrusted to joint Congress B'nai B'rith committees; in only a very few others are they the concern of the community councils.

These are the essential differences between Canadian Jewish life and American.

Then there are national characteristics of the Canadians which differ from those of our neighbours of the U.S. Canadians have jocularly been referred to as Americans in less of a hurry. The definition contains much truth. When one comes to spell out programmes, differences of this kind result in differences in evaluation and of methods. In Canada, one is disinclined to believe that all problems can be remedied if only a slogan be invented or an attractive billboard resigned. In Canada there is not the fanciful belief, either in high or low places, that all ills can be basically reduced to matters of public relations which can respond to the skillful application of social dynamics or advertising media.

If it be true, as Heine is reputed to have said, that as the Christians go so go the Jews, then the Jews of Canada are likely to travel along different routes from those of the U.S. mainly because Canada and the U.S. are not identical, nor are Canadians simply Americans of the British Commonwealth.

Having described in a thumbnail sketch some of the fundamental differences of conditions and how they must affect community relations programmes of Canada and the United States, it may be useful superficially to describe features of Canadian Jewish life.

(a) Canadian Jews are largely motivated by survivalist psychology. Whatever elan vital exists expresses itself in identification; a sort of no-nonsense-about-it-just - let's-stand-up-and-be-counted attitude.

(b) There is an enormous interest in religious affiliation. It is worthwhile to define the Jews of Canada as members of a religious denomination. It may not fit all the facts but it is certainly useful and important for Jews to be known as adhering to a particular theology.

CANADIAN TEMPERAMENT

This is true even if it plunges Candian Jews into the guilt feeling morass which has been described by an American writer in these words "we may have to face the paradox of the concentration of Diaspora survivalism in religious channels in the face of increasing weakening religion."

(c) Canadian Jews have responded overwhelming in supart of Zionist causes. In fact, the priorities in Canada of the past few years have been Israeli causes. With all this, some very imposing centres, synagogues, YMHA's, hospitals have been erected and many blueprints for others have been drawn.

(d) The Canadian Jewish community is a unified one due to some extent to its homogenous character above referred to and strengthened by a number of important influences in recent years.

(1) The Nazi and fascist threats of the thirties solidified the defence work in a partnership arrangement between the Congress and B'nai B'rith.

(2) The all-out war effort coordinated by Congress.

(3) The several postwar crises and the united effort under Congress direction to seek immigration permits (40,000 newcomers arrived largely under plans initiated by Congress).

(4) The efforts on behalf of the newly created State of Israel much of which has been by way of a partnership arrangement between Congress and the Zionist organizations.

(5) The experiences from 1934 and on which led leadership and rank and file to appreciate the manifold advantage of common action through unified approaches in all phases of community endeavour. This runs the gamut from overseas relief, immigration, community organization, joint fund raising, adult education, to public relations, teacher training, submissions to government and dozens of other areas.

(e) The size of Canadian Jewry makes it manageable and capable of self-discipline. No one is under the complacent illusion that the discipline of Canadian Jewish life would not be attenuated if her population were triple its present count.

(f) The Canadian temperament breeding a conservative and cautious people, has affected Canadian Jewry.

(g) Geographic proximity to the United States has had an important influence in Canadian Jewish life. The fraternity with American Jewry is close and meaningful. It would be unwise however to ignore a patent fact that there are psychological inhibitions to an all-out confraternity. Traditionaly, Canada as a nation has a fear of United States spread-eagleism. The term 49th State of the Union does not mean Hawaii or Alaska. It is rather the shibboleth of Canada's annexation psychosis.

The Canadian Jewish community itself is often suspicious of American Jewish "ambassadors" because this lingering anti-Americanism exists. It ought not to be exaggerated in its effects but as part of Canadian mores it affects Canadian Jewry as it does affect all Canadians.

It is now appropriate to conclude this fragmentary analysis of Canadian Jewry with a few words on the direct subject matter of community relations.

A MATURE COMMUNITY

For convenience sake, it may be useful to list a few postulates which characterize public relations and community relations work.

(a) The National Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith has been vested with full authority to conduct public relations programmes. There is no conflict between national and local programming nor is there a struggle for supremacy. On the Canadian scene such differences are most unlikely to arise.

(b) The Jewish Labour Committee is in partnership with the Canadian Jewish Congress for that aspect of community relations which deals with labour and the trade union movement.

(c) The J.P.R.C. does not spend much energy on general educational programmes in the firm conviction that it cannot amass the resources necesary. It therefore concentrates on law and social action as its highest priority for action. It goes all-out to eliminate discrimination. It is not as concerned with prejudice believing the resources necessary to eliminate prejudice are too elusive. It stimulates only such educational programme as directly relates to its legal and legisiative agenda.

(d) The Committee is very active in obtaining and attempting to obtain federal and Provincial legislation and regulations in the areas of fair employment practices, fair accomodation practices, anti-descriminatory clauses in Housing Acts and ancillary matters.

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Special Events At CJC Session

Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, will speak on "Israel and the Family of Nations" at the closing luncheon of the 13th Plenary Session of Canadian Jewish Congress on Sunday, June 24.

Mr. Comay, who was Israel's first Ambassador to Canada, will replace Ambassador Yaacov Herzog, who has to be in Israel later this month, as luncheon speaker.

Well-known in Canadian Jewish circles for his diplomatic skills and erudition, Mr. Comay's address will cover latest developments in Israel and her position within the United Nations.

Another notable highlight of the four-day convention of Canadian Jewry will be the two Oneg Shabbat. Beth Tzedec Synagogue will be host on Friday evening when the program will include religious services, Kiddush and Oneg Shabbat following a symposium on "The Creative Dimension in Jewish Life." Participants at this event will be: Melvin Fenson, Winnipeg; Jacob Glatstein, New York; Milton Himmelfarb, New York; A. M. Melamet, Montreal with Dr. Albert Rose, Toronto as moderator.

Sabbath services will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at which time Rabbi Dr. Walter S. Wurzburger will deliver the sermon "A Community of Jews or a Jewish Community". Services will be followed by Kiddush Luncheon and Oneg Shabbat. The program will feature two community leaders who will lead off the discussion with reports on their respective areas of responsibility: Michael Garber, Q.C., chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of Congress and Professor Maxwell Cohen, chairman of Joint Inner Public Relations Committee of United Zionist Council and Congress-B'nai B'rith.

Two sessions will be devoted to the work of the Canadian Council of YMHA's and Jewish Centres: Saturday, June 23, at 3:30 p.m. at which time a symposium will be held on "The YMHA Centres and the Jewish Community — A Mutual Commitment" with Herbert Millman, New York, as the guest speaker. Discussants at this session will be John Geller and Florence Hutner under the chairmanship of Samuel J. Granatstein, Toronto.

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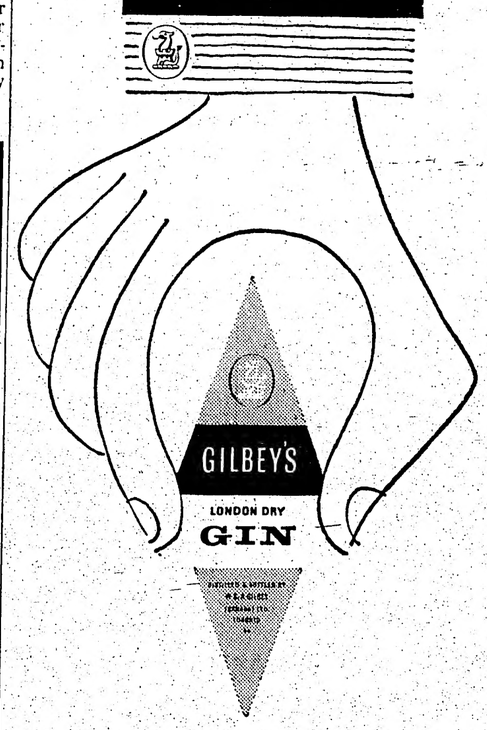

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(e) Recognition must always be given to the bicultural position of Canada. Quebec province (80% French-speaking) presents problems quite dissimilar from Ontario. Congress has a very important and useful programme worked out through Le Cercle Juif de Langue Francaise.

f) The varying areas of Canada require different treatment in programming, e.g. British Columbia is closer to the United States Pacific Northwest in temperament and in views than it is to the Maritime Provinces or Quebec.

(g) Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, all have Congress offices and may be said to conduct comunity relations work. There is no desire on the part of federations to disturb this pattern. All of these considerations and many others determine the course of the Comunity Relations agenda in Canada.

Canadian Jewry has, so to speak, matured "all of a sudden." It carries responsibilities far in excess of what a community of much fewer than a quarter of a million can be expected to shoulder. It believes as a working thesis however that its particular form of Jewish life is worth developing and to quote the late Dr. Leo Baeck, it "translates its problem to tasks."

It is not up to a Canadian to deliver a judgment but it is pardonable perhaps to say that with the many imperfections of Canadian Jewry it cannot be charged with resignation when vitality is required, nor apathy when performance is indicated, nor somnolence when activity is imperative. Its restlessness is the restlessness of a person on the qui vive in his search for rich, meaningful, positive, values. Part of this is found in its public relations and comunity relations programme.

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Folk Organisations For Histadrut Project

The response to the project of a Community Centre in OR YEHUDA in Israel to honor Rabbi David Monson has been great, according to a statement of the Toronto Histadrut.

More than fifty organizations and societies already sent in their contributions; among them: The Ivansker Society; the "Lithuanian Farband"; the Chenstochover Aid Society; the Lagover Society; Canadian Hebrew Benefit Society; Lodzer Centre; Toronto Independent Benefit Society; Warshaver-Lodzer and Shedlover Young Men; The Minsker Ladies' Auxiliary; Y.M.H.A. Ladies' Auxiliary; Women's Council of the United Organizations for Histadrut, and others.

It is now apparent that the Rabbi David Monson Project has created wide interest among the Folk organizations. It is expected that the Rabbi Monson Testimonial Dinner on Sunday, June 24th, at the Beth Sholom Synagogue will be a great success.

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B'NAI ISRAEL BETH DAVID

On Sunday, June 24th, **Brotherhood of B'nai Israel-Beth David Congregation** will be host at a congregational picnic at Thornhill Park.

BETH TZEDEC LISTS PROMINENT MEMBERS

Many members of the **Beth Tzedec Congregation** are active in other fields of philanthropic endeavor. Among those whose work on behalf of the Jewish community is outstanding are: **Mr. Abe Posluns**, who has recently been appointed president of the United Appeal; **Mr. Albert Shifrin, Q.C.**, immediate past president of Beth Tzedec, is the new chairman of the Inter-Faith Committee of which distinguished representatives of clergy and laymen of all faiths sit; **Dr. Stuart E. ... Sp... al ... ...er** of Beth Tzedec, who has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Inter-Faith Committee which represents all the city's clergy of every denomination: **Mr. Mark Levy**, who serves on the Board of Governors.

The following **Church Groups** have recently taken tours of Beth Tzedec Synagogue: **St. Luke's United Church C.G.I.T., Church of St. Laurence Anglican Young People's Guild, Runnymede United Church Young People's, Grahamsville United Church Young Married Couples, Blythwood Road Baptist Church Young People's**, a group of visitors from London, England, and the **Christian Young People's Fellowship League.**

The last Sabbath Service for the season will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 30th. During July and August, regular services will continue daily and on Sabbaths, held in the Chapel.

CLANTON PARK SYNAGOGUE OUTING

On Sunday, June 24th, at 11 a.m., **Clanton Park Synagogue** will hold its annual outing at the Boyd Conservation Area.

SHAAREI EMUNA CONGREGATION

For several years the **Shaarei Emuna Congregation** of Bathurst Heights has held Sabbath services at 160 Overbrook, Downsview. Because of the rapid increase of its membership, the Congregation is formulating plans to complete the construction of its new synagogue, which will be located at Wilmington and Overbrook, in time for the High Holy Days.

Friday evening services are held at 8.30 p.m. Sabbath morning services are conducted at 9.30 a.m.; Sabbath Minkha, at 8.00 p.m.

The aim of Shaarei Emuna Congregation is "to provide traditional synagogue services with beauty and dignity for the orthodox community of Bathurst Manor."

Prospective members are invited to contact **Murray Simon**, at ME 5-1650, and S. Woolf, at ME 3-9252.

FAREWELL DINNER FOR RABBI GORELIK

The officers of the Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress, in conjunction with officers of the Rabbinical Council of America, Toronto Division, and of the Mizrachi Hapoel-Hamizrachi Organization of Toronto, are arranging a dinner in honor of **Rabbi Morris S. Gorelik**, spiritual leader of Clanton Park Synagogue. Rabbi Gorelik is leaving Toronto to accept a post as spiritual leader of a congregation in Fall River, Mass.

The dinner will be held at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 840 St. Clair Avenue West, on Thursday evening, June 28th, at 6.30 p.m.

B'NAI ISRAEL BETH DAVID BANQUET

Brotherhood of B'nai Israel-Beth David Congregation held its installation banquet on Wednesday, June 13th, at the Synagogue:

Mr. Phil Stone was master of ceremonies. Invocation and benediction were made by Rabbi Albert Pappenheim. Mr. Max Shecter, vice-president of the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, installed the incoming officers for 1962-63. He was assisted by Mr. Irving Atin, president of the Congregation.

The past president's award to Dr. Melvern Katzman was presented by Mr. Cecil Forcht. Greetings from Sisterhood were brought by Mrs. Murray Vernon, president. Mr. Theodore Bloom chanted grace after the meal.

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MAINLY ABOUT WOMEN

By ESTHER ZELDIN

Mrs. Yaacov Herzog, wife of the Israeli ambassador to Canada, was guest speaker at the **Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization's** 20th anniversary Donor Dinner in the Regency Towers Hotel.

Twenty of the original founders participated in a candle lighting ceremony to mark the occasion.

Sevren Weingort of the C.B.C. Opera sang a medley of Hebrew selections. **Sarah Barkin** was the accompanist.

Israeli centerpieces were designed and aranged by **Mrs. Nathan Sokol.**

Head table guests included: **Mrs. M. Cresley**, president; **Mrs. N. Silver**, vice-president; **Mrs. K. Devor**, treasurer; **Mrs. E. Weisbrod**, mother-in-Israel chairman; **Mrs. B. Lucatch**, regional chairman; **Mrs. S. Langner, Mrs. S. Figdor**, souvenir program chairman; **Miss D. Margulies, J. N.F.** chairman; **Mrs. C. Kaminker**, national vice-president; **Mrs. C. Weingarten**, Senior Women; **Mrs. J. H. Quastel** of Montreal, executive director; **Mrs. E. Kay**, B'nai B'rith; **Mrs. S. Wise, Hadassah; Mrs. R. Perry**, ORT., **Mrs. H. Tobbias**, Pioneer Women.

Mrs. M. B. Manilla was installed as president of **Toronto Women's Oka** at the Annual Closing and Awards Dinner.

Other officers installed were: **Mrs. L. S. Brody, Mrs. C. Roher, Mrs. L. Taichman, Mrs. H. Rosen**, vice-presidents; **Mrs. N. Levine**, secretary; **Mrs. I. Salsberg**, treasurer; **Mrs. B. Houpt**, dues treasurer.

Rabbi David Monson was the guest speaker.

Greetings from Israel were brought by **Mrs. Melanie Horn**, president of Israel ORT. **Mrs. A. B. Bennett**, national president, also brought greetings.

The program featured pianists, **Miss Ruth Halperin** and **Fekko Von Ompteda**; vocalists, **Miss Blima Abraham** and **Steven Gyorffy.**

Mrs. Gertrude Roher received a special award as top fund raiser for the fifth consecutive year.

Arrangements for the dinner were made by **Mrs. Ben Houpt.**

Mrs. M. Starkman, president of the **Parents Association, Toronto Hebrew Day School**, recently entertained the 62-member-executive body at a dessert and coffee luncheon at her Lyonsgate Rd. home.

Included on the 1962-63 slate of officers are. **Mrs. J. C. Snider**, ad... ...; **Mrs. L. Green**, immediate past president; **Mrs. M. Starkman**, president; **Mrs. M. Silverberg, Mrs. M. Wolfson**, vice presidents; **Mrs. R. Frankel, Mrs. J. Garelick**, secretaries; **Mrs. M. Kohn, Mrs. I. Fine**, treasurers; **Mrs. S. Eisen**, program chairman; **Mrs. L. Green**, library chairman; **Mrs. I. M. Cass**, gift shop; **Mrs. M. Wolfson, Mrs. L. Marshall, Mrs. M. Silverberg**, tea conveners; **Mrs. B. Kurtz**, dance conveners; **Mrs. M. Teitel**, monthly buletin; **Mrs. S. Brodsky**, member retention; **Mrs. B. Schwartz**, social chairman. **Mrs. P. Tobias**, publicity.

Plans for a fall tea were discussed at an executive meeting of **Alouette Chapter, B'nai B'rith, conducted** by the vice-president, **Mrs. Herbert Diamond.**

Aliyah Chapter, Hadassah, held a closing dinner in the Cocksfield Ave. home of Mrs. Sam Adams.

Final reports were given by **Mrs. Mary Tennenbaum**, president; **Mrs. Nathan Shafron**, secretary and **Mrs. Joseph Stone**, treasurer.

The New Fraternal Jewish Association held its annual picnic recently at Centre Island.

Members of the **Beth Jacob School for Girls, Women's Auxiliary**, met at the Hillcrest Dr. home of the president, **Mrs. M. Nussbaum.**

Discussion centred on a recent tea held in the home of **Mrs. D. Shmertz.**

Mrs. L. Rosenfield was re-elected president of **Etzion Chapter, Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi.**

Other members of the new executive include: **Mrs. J. Lubotsky**, vice-president; **Mrs. J. Apelowicz**, treasurer; **Mrs. C. H. Brown**, secretary; **Mrs. A. Figdor, Mrs. S. Waverman**, cultural chairman; **Mrs. C. H. Cohen, Mrs. J. Spodek**, social chairman; **Mrs. J. Reingewirtz, Mrs. J. Lubotsky**, council representatives; **Mrs. N. Shields**, publicity and **Mrs. M. Balinsky**, ticket convener.

Galila Club, Pioneer Women, held its closing dinner recently.

Rabbi B. Rosenzweig installed the 1962-63 executive at the Seventh Annual Installation Dinner of the **Shaarei Tefillah** Sisterhood in the new social hall.

The Women of the Year Award was presented to **Mrs. Lil Cornfield.**

A skit, "How To Succeed In Sisterhood Without Even Trying," presented by the Dramatic Group under the direction of **Mrs. Miriam Rosenzweig** and **Mrs. Bea Halpert**, highlighted the program.

Members of the cast included: **Mrs. Betty Appel, Mrs. Lil Cornfield, Mrs. Helen Fishbain, Mrs. Alice Goldman, Mrs. Rose Halperi, Mrs. Sue Magder, Mrs. Fagie Plonka, Mrs. Fran Polishuke, Mrs. Goldie Rosen, Mrs. Belle Serota, Mrs. Beryl Shapiro, Mrs. Dena Tessis, Mrs. Norman Zeldin** and the accompanist, **Lorraine Hirsh.**

Mrs. Frank Mushell won the lucky draw.

Seated at the head table were: **Rabi and Mrs. B. Rosenzweig, Mrs. Jean Deson, Mrs. Belle Serota, Mrs. Yetta Perenson, Mrs. Norma Zeldin, Mrs. Tillie Rosenberg, Mrs. Bea Halperi, Mrs. Rose Grenspan and Mrs. Betty Appel.**

The Beth Radom Sisterhood held its first Closing and Installation Dinner jointly with the **Radomer Ladies Auxiliary** at the Beth Radom Congregation.

Members of the 1962-63 executive installed by the immediate past president, **Mrs. S. Wilkes** included: **Mrs. Harold Pelchovitz**, president; **Mrs. Morris Swimmer**, vice-president; **Mrs. ... Glass**, treasurer; **Mrs. Morris Karalnick**, secretary; **Mrs. Eddy Schopp**, social chairman; **Mrs. Jerry Green**, fund raising chairman, **Mrs. Sam Yarmo**, membership chairman; **Mrs. Harvey Pacter**, program chairman; **Mrs. Henry Rosenbaum** welfare chairman and **Mrs. Alec Givertz**, trustee.

Mrs. A. Finkler, president of **Margalit Chapter, Hadassah**, was presented with a president's pin and her name was inscribed in the Book of Life as a guardian by members of her chapter.

Other presentations were made to **Mrs. Emma Rosenberg**, treasurer, the bazaar chairman, **Mrs. Anna Moskowitz.**

Guest speaker was **Mrs. Bernard Mayer**, 2nd vice-president of Hadassah.

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood held its Donor Luncheon in the synagogue social hall.

Members and guests were welcomed by the president, **Mrs. Ted Waldman. Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger** was the guest seaker.

The program was highlighted by a skit, "How To Succeed In Sisterhood Without Really Trying," presented by the **Dramatic Group.**

Appearing in the cast were: **Mrs. F. Spring, Mrs. I. Franklin, Mrs. D. Goldmintz, Mrs. A. Kates, Mrs. M. Swartz, Mrs. H. Gladman, Mrs. R. Kugler, Mrs. S. Shindman** and **Miss I. Schwartz. Mrs. M. Spring** was the director and pianist.

Head table guests included: **Rabi and Mrs. Walter S. Wurzburger, Mrs. Ted Waldman, Mrs. Nathan Adler** and the donor chairman, **Mrs. Irving Green.**

Remedies

By RUTHIE

Nowadays being sick is nothing and getting well is still less. What with all the "mycins" on the market, you can be dying one day and when your friends visit you the next, you're practically well and about. A wonderful thing it is too.

I remember when one had diphtheria, it was a ness (miracle) if he didn't succumb. Then it took months to convalesce. Today, thanks to our wonder drugs, this disease is virtually extinct.

However, like the proverbial good, old slipper, we still fall back upon a few basic standbys. One is the aspirin. If you have a toothache, take aspirin; a headache, take aspirin; an eye infection, take aspirin; fever, take aspirin. I came across an item recommending aspirin to get rid of kidney gravel.

Some of the old time remedies are lulus. Whoever heard of penicillin when we were kids? If any of us came down with a head cold or sore throat, the first thing mama did was, of course, to get us into bed. Then she shut all the windows for fear we'd be in a draught (never mind that we needed fresh air). This routine was followed by the cure to end all cures. She stuffed a stocking with hot salt and, midst our screams of distress, wound it tightly around our necks. Somehow the heat plus the salt was supposed to penetrate and draw out whatever it was that was causing the pain.

Needless to say, we made quite a production of this. In the end, though, mama invariably won. In no uncertain terms she warned us she'd break all our fingers if we dared try to remove that collar. To think medieval torture was bad!

But this didn't end mama's homemade remedies. All day long she alternated between tea with bogs of honey and hot milk with melted butter swimming on top. Ugh!

After awhile we didn't mind. Our friends visited us and gave us the sympathy we deserved. It became so, we looked forward to being sick — all the company, all the presents..

Another cure-all was **bonkiss** (cups). These looked like eye-cups which one found at the barber's. They were reserved as a last measure for an almost hopeless case. Stuck hot upon an aching back, they either cured or killed.

Those are things for which I have no nostalgic feeling.

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WHO'S WORRYING?

Sam Schneider, the candy-store keeper, owed a hundred dollars to Friedman, an acquaintance. He could no longer postpone paying it for Friedman gave him an ultimatum: "Pay me tomorrow or I'll sue you!" But what could Schneider do? You can't squeeze money of a stone! That night he couldn't sleep. He walked to and fro, to and fro.

"Why don't you go to sleep, Sam?" his wife called to him.

"Who can sleep? I owe Friedman one hundred dollars and God knows where I'll get it to pay him back?"

"Don't be foolish, Sam" scolded his wife. 'Come to bed. Let Friedman walk the floor!"

WHAT IS IT?

It's not a shirt — yet it's sewed; it's not a tree — yet it's full of leaves; it's not a person — yet it talks sensibly. It's a book.

NO HELP

A saint and a sinner were once on an ocean voyage together. Suddenly a storm broke. The ship was in danger of sinking. The entire crew and passengers started to pray.

"Save us, O Lord!" cried the sinner.

"Sh!" warned the saint. 'If God knows you are here it will be the end of us."

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

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1½ cups (12 double crackers) Graham Cracker crumbs
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3 tablespoons sugar

Blend crumbs, butter and sugar. Press firmly on bottom and sides of a nine-inch pie plate. Bake 10 minutes in a preheated moderate, 350 degree oven. Cool.

Filling

1 cup (8½-9 oz. can) crushed pineapple
1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored kosher gelatin
½ cup sugar
⅓ cup orange juice
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
3 egg whites
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
⅓ cup sugar
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Drain juice from pineapple into saucepan; set fruit aside. Sprinkle gelatin over pineapple juice to soften; heat to dissolve. Remove from heat. Add ½ cup sugar; stir to dissolve. Add fruit juices, orange and lemon rind and pineapple. Cool until mixture mounds when dropped from a spoon. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until frothy. Gradually beat in ⅓ cup sugar a little at a time. Continue beating until stiff and glossy. Fold chilled fruit mixture into egg white meringue. Carefully fold in whipped cream. (This mixture should be stiff enough to hold its shape when piled into cooked crumb crust. If mixture is too soft, chill in refrigerator just until stiff enough to form mounds.) Pile into cooled crumb crust. Chill. Makes 6 or more servings.

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Pioneer Women Annual Tea

The Lillian Shekter Chapter, Pioneer Women's Organization, held its annual Spring Tea on Sunday, May 27th, in the home of Mrs. Joe Levy.

The guests were welcomed by the conveners, Mrs. Max Lax and Mrs. Max Adler, and by the hostess. Waiting on the guests were members of the organization, assisted by the president, Mrs. Max Glicksman.

The ticket convener for this tea was Mrs. H. Levine. Mrs. Issac Goldberg was publicity chairman.

Door prize of an eighteen-karat-gold bottle opener was donated by Mrs. Joe Fishman and won by Mrs. R. Yellen.

The proceeds of the tea will go towards the maintainance of a children's home in the Negev.

MRS. JOE LEVY (left) and Mrs. Max Glicksman, president of the Lillian Shekter Chapter, Pioneer Women, at Mrs. Levy's home.

CLOSING DINNER MEETING OF GRAND ORDER OF ISRAEL

The Grand Order of Israel Ladies Auxiliary held its closing dinner - meeting at the Jet Restaurant on Tuesday June 5th. It was a mother-and-daughter affair. The toasts to Israel and the Queen were made by Mrs. Funger and Mrs. Berk respectively. Presentations were made to all of the outgoing officers.

Mrs. Sara Pasis installed the committee for 1962-63. They are as follows: co-presidents, Fay Cohen and Rose Berk; vice president, Esther Silbert; recording secretary, Sophie Swartz; financial secretary, Helen Lang; honorary treasurer, Mrs. Funger. The trustees, marshal and bulletin editor are the same officers for the coming year.

Deborah Sisterhood Luncheon

The closing meeting of the Deborah Sisterhood of Temple Anshe Shalom was held recently at the Temple. Improvisations were presented by the Temple Players. Among those taking part were: Mrs. Murray Stein, Mrs. Zoltan Leuchter, Mrs. Marvin Frank, Mrs. M. Levy, Mrs. Jerry Pollock, Mrs. Marvin Goldblatt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raphael and Mr. Murray Stein.

The Temple Players are under the direction of Mr. Ben Lennick.

Rebecca Taylor Meeting

The closing meeting of the Rebecca Taylor Chapter, Hadassah, took place at the home of Mrs. Frank Shapiro on Tuesday, June 12th. Mrs. B. Shekter installed the new executive.

President for a second term is Mrs. M. H. Gunn; vice-president, Mrs. Philip A. Leon; recording secretary, Mrs. S. S. Shapiro; treasurer, Mrs. Y. G. Goldberg; assistant treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Ennis; program chairman, Mrs. S. M. Halpern; gift cards, Mrs. P. G. Kenter. Representatives to the Hadassah Council are Mrs. M. Jeremias, Mrs. I. Glandstone and Mrs. F. Shapiro. A skit was presented by Mrs. W. Levine. Those who participated were Yetta Hotz, Bea Starkman, Emmy Singer and Joy Rochwerg. Mrs. M. Stein was in charge of the music.

TORONTO COMMUNITY INVITED

MONDAY SOD TURNING CEREMONY OF NEW HOME FOR THE AGED

Ontario Health Minister Matthew B. Dymond, M.D., will turn the first sod for the new Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital on the grounds of the present Home and Hospital this coming Monday, June 25.

PUBLIC INVITED

The Boards of Directors of the Home and Hospital said they were able to go ahead with the sod turning ceremony because of the excellent progress of the Building Expansion Campaign.

The turning of the first sod will take place at 7.45 p.m. and the public is invited to a reception in the auditorium of the present Home following the ceremony.

The Completion Campaign for the Building Expansion Fund is well under way. It was launched June 1 to raise the final $1,050,000 needed to make the campaign a success and so far more than $50,000 has been brought in.

$4,000,000 RAISED

Campaign Co-Chairmen Abe Posluns and J. Irving Oelbaum have announced that to date more than $4,000,000 has been raised from pledges and Government grants and the final $1,000,000 will bring the campaign to the minimum need of $5,000,000.

"We urge all members of the community, who have not yet done so, to make their pledge now. The need for the new building grows greater all the time," said Mr. Oelbaum.

Attendance at the opening meetings of the Completion Campaign indicates a great deal of enthusiasm among the workers. Attendance at the meetings has been excellent — especially at the Movie Night at the Glendale Theatre May 27 which drew more than 500.

Herbert J. Weiss chaired the meeting and introduced Samuel J. Sable, Campaign Vice-Chairman, who urged all workers to come forward again. He said the final $1,050,000 could be raised in three weeks if every member of the community did his share.

On May 28 a highly successful dinner meeting at the Top Gifts Division at the Primrose Club saw 38 leading members of the Community accept 180 cards for coverage. The dinner was hosted by Abe Posluns and J. Irving Oelbaum.

MEN'S SERVICE GROUP MEETING

The first meeting of the dedicated Women's Corps was held at the Home on May 30 and was attended by 21 ladies. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Morris S. Till, Co-Chairman with Mrs. Alain Seidlitz.

Another highly successful meeting was held by the Men's Service Group Division at Forest Hill Golf Club May 31. It was attended by 40 men and they accepted 260 cards for coverage. The meeting was chaired by Nathan Gold. Samuel J. Sable spoke on the need for enthusiastic response by all workers.

The Forest Hill Club was made available through the courtesy of Lou Detsky, himself a strong worker for the Campaign.

A meeting at the home of Samuel J. Sable on June 4 was attended by 30 men and 175 cards were distributed. Chairman of the meeting was Alfred C. Schwartz, Q.C., who graphically described the need for a successful Campaign.

Many cards were distributed at a successful meeting of the Young Men's Division at the home of Herbert Solway on June 5. Another good meeting at the home of Harry Ungerman on June 6 saw more than 100 cards distributed. Mr. Ungerman said as a result of the meeting he expects to sign up many new workers.

The Men's Service Group Division held its first report meeting at the Home on June 6 and Division Chairman Nathan Gold received a satisfactory number of canvassed cards.

NEW BELGIAN LEADER

ANTWERP, (JCNS) — Mr. Paul Philippson, President of the Liberal Jewish Congregation in Brussels, has been elected President of the Central Jewish Consistory for Belgium. He succeeds Mr. Max Gottschalk, who recently resigned because of age. Mr. Gottschalk remains President of the Centre for Higher Jewish Studies.

The new President was born in Brussels in 1910 and is a member of a well-known banking family. A few years ago he became Director of a bank in Brussels. During the war he served with the Belgian forces in England.

PERSONAL

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Mrs. Rosen, a past secretary of the Pioneer Women, Lillian Shekter Chapter, and a worker of 35-years-standing for this group, had received from the Chapter an Israeli bond, prior to her departure. To this bond Mrs. Rosen added her own contribution and donated the total sum to the Omna Infants Home of Haifa. The money is being used for the purchase of children's shoes and clothing.

The Rosens also visited various institutions throughout Israel and contributed generously to the causes which appealed to them. One of these the Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization, benefitted greatly by a handsome donation which will be used to perpetuate the names of deceased numbers of Rosen family at Kerem Be Yaven Yeshiva.

Mr. & Mrs. Rosen met cousins in Israel whom they had not seen for 35 years, since they had left Poland.

MR. AND MRS. ROSEN holding a plaque that will be affixed to the entrance of the synagogue of the Karem Be'Yavne Yeshiva.

Human Relations

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Quite obviously, each of you is ready to break up the relationship. Because you have waited so long to venture forth, you are quite apprehensive about what the future may hold for each of you alone and without the other to lean upon.

At this stage it is not a true friendship. Each of you fills in for the other the void created by the absence of a boy friend, and no boy who comes along can get approval from both of you while giving attention to just one.

The summer is a good time to begin the separation. Each of you could find work, whether for a cause or for pay. But it should be in separate jobs.

It may be that after you have made other contacts and formed other friendships you will reestablish a relationship with each other. However, it is more likely that once the relationship is broken up, the experience will be seen as something in the past which fulfilled its purpose and no longer has any reason for existence.

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• THE COUNCIL OF UNITS, JEWISH HOSPITAL OF HOPE, held its closing meeting on June 13th, at Miss Montreal Restaurant, Decarie Boulevard. MRS. M. PINSKY presided.

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• The Closing Luncheon of the WOMEN'S COUNCIL of the JEWISH CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL took place June 13th at the Windsor Hotel. RABBI SOLOMON FRANK was the guest speaker. Conveners were MRS. J. LIBBEN and MRS. H. SCHNEIDER.

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• MONTREAL MENORAH CHAPTER, No. 717, B'NAI B'RITH, held its Membership Luncheon at the Kon-Tiki Restaurant, Peel Street on June 16th.

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• THE PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION held an Awards and Merit Party recently at the Windsor Hotel. MRS. R. GROSSMAN was named woman of the year. The conveners were MRS. S. BLANSHAY and MRS. J. BONDER.

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• MRS. ANNE POTTEL, was recently elected President of the DALSE WELFARE CLUB LADIES' AUXILIARY. Other Officers are MRS. H. LERMAN and MRS. H. WISEMAN, Vice - Presidents; MRS. J. MESSING, Corresponding Secretary; MRS. N. BAILEY, Treasurer, and MRS. B. DREBEN, Recording Secretary.

• MRS. HIRSCH ROSENFELD was Hostess at her home, 31 Maplewood Avenue, at a Dessert Luncheon, Wednesday, June 20th, for the Women's Division, CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY, which preceded the annual meeting of the division.

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MRS. LILLIAN MENDELSSOHN, President, chaired the meeting.

MRS. LOLA KAHANE, MRS. PAULINE FREEDMAN, MISS MAY LIGHTSTONE and MISS ALICE STRASBERG assisted the hostess.

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• The special names category committee (Women's Division) of the Joint Campaign for COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL and UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL met on June 21st at the home of the Chairman, MRS. GENE H. KRUGER, 4840 Cote St. Luc Road.

Committee members are: THE MESDAMES JOSEPH SALOMON, ARTHUR BECKER, LOUIS ROHRLICK, JOSEPH RUBIN, PHILIP SEGAL and SAUL YAFFE.

• DISRAELI CHAPTER No. 1081, B'NAI B'RITH, held a Membership Closing Tea at Faust Realties Tea Room, Decarie Boulevard, on June 18th. Chapter awards were presented.

• MRS. SYLVIA CRANSKY, was re-elected for a second term as President of the MAUD ABBOTT CHAPTER of the QUEBEC HEART FOUNDATION. Other Officers include: MRS. SHIRLEY FOX, MISS SHERRY GOLD, MRS. MARY BROWMAN, Vice-Presidents; MRS. SYLVIA WEINSTEIN, Recording Secretary; MRS. MARGARET McCORMICK, Corresponding Secretary and MRS. BETTY SILVERMAN, Treasurer.

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• The Annual Luncheon for women Governors of the Y.M.-Y.W.H.A. was held June 12th at the home of the Honorary President, MRS. SAMUEL BRONFMAN, O.B.E.

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• The Closing Dinner of the MIZRACHI - HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION of Montreal was held at the Young Israel Synagogue on June 13th. The Conveners were the MESDAMES J. J. ELTES, J. L. GEWURZ, and M. NATHANSON. The Guest Speaker was MRS. A. GARMAISE.

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• MRS. MOE SHALINSKY was elected Chairman of the annual outing to Mount Sinai Sanitorium in Prefontaine, which took place recently.

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• A program entitled "Party Table Decors" was the feature attraction at the Closing Meeting of the LAURENTIAN CHAPTER, No. 520, B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN, on June 13th at the Holiday Inn.

The Judges were MRS. H. J. FREEDMAN, MR. A. D. SELICK and MRS. S. DARRELL CALVIN.

Program Chairmen were MRS. D. LECKER and MRS. A. DOLLIN.

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• MRS. CHARLES EISENSTAT, Dominion Vice-President, Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada, is in Kingston, Ontario, where she will be the Guest speaker at the closing event of Kingston Hadassah.

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• MRS. RACHEL VIXMAN, Associate Executive Director, Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada, is in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, where she is addressing the closing event of the Sault Ste. Marie Hadassah.

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• MRS. JOSEPH ADLER, National Executive Director, Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada, entertained on Saturday, June 16th, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, in honor of her Secretary, MRS. SUE HAIMES, who is leaving to marry MR. RAYMOND CAPLAN of Ottawa.

Among those present were members of the National Executive, members of the Executive staff and members of the Office staff.

DATELINE. HAMILTON

AS I SEE IT

By PAUL HANOVER

I had to look twice as I walked in to handle the bachelor party for Syd Steinberg. There, standing in a cluster, were Henry Katz, Abe Halpern, Barney Hershman, Jack Lees, and Sam Katz. "Hey!" says I, "is this the Burgandy Room or the Club House at New Woodbine?" Jack looked the unhappiest, so I took him aside to explain my sure-fire method to beat the nags: Every morning I phone the bookie and bet the scratches! Tibby Leucther tabled this motion at this informal gathering of Punters Anonymous: Be it resolved that a delegation should approach Harry Kelman to enquire whether he placed one of his "sentimental" bets on brother Ken's 70-1 shot Reckless Rick that upset the tables during the Plate Trials. And let's face it, with anyone who goes around bending Rheas cigars in two for laughs, a sentimental bet could very easily be 20 across. Ah, well, thank heavens I only play the horses for laughs (laughed away the new car, just last Wednesday. . . . LATE flash: Harry says no. He was fishing that day.

This Syd Steinberg we mentioned, graduated in pharmacy from University of Buffalo one Sunday and got married the next From PHM. To FEMME in Seven Days. From Mortarboard to Room and Board. Syd, eventually has his eye on a prescription palace similar to the one Phil Perlgut runs, which inspires the addage: If there's one thing success breeds, its imitation. This same Phil has been yelling Uncle to his two partners Saul Jacobs and Leo Levita, as he begins to buckle under the pressure of working solo the 9 a.m.-Midnite shift. As a result, the boys might very well surrrender their Hospital Supply lease to spell him off. While we're at it fellows, what about that sign in the window: Parking At Rear of Store. Let's face it. You may have the space there, but how do I drive through that front door? May be that should read, Behind the Store—eh?

The happy bride, by the way, is Sonny, daughter of Sam and Sara Katari — that's right, Sonny—I guess they were expecting a banana instead. Sam, to me, has been the enigma of York St. and author of that play How to Succeed in Business Without a Business to Succeed In. His claim to fame is, besides being Leon the Barber's financial advisor, he's made Sam Netkin what he is today—a bundle of nerves. At the stag, Abe Hotz, representing the Ferguson Ave. Scrap Dealer's Association, and Bill Cohen, representing the York St. Poker Dealer's, presented Mr. Katari with a seat on the stock Exchange—and if you know Abe, you'll know what kind of seat THAT was!

It was at this same affair we were reminiscing about the old days, and as I inspected the head table guests and spotted Isaac Waxman I couldn't help recall how this dynamo used to amaze me in the way he galloped his horse and wagon down the homestretch to the weigh scales. To me he was the BEN HUR of the junk dealers . . . And it was during the cocktails that I was buttonholed by Emile Black and Zollie Freeman snowing me under with the upped pledges they've received for the Welfare campaign from he New Canadian members of our community. This, in rebuttal to an innuendo I'd made in an earlier column. I should have known better too, from my own heart warming experiences with these same appreciative gentlemen. It was another group I'd had in mind at the time. And to prove it was a get even night all around for the readers, I was also informed that the Quality Bakery (see CJN, June 8th—gee, just like Time magazine) is now owned by the Messrs. Henry Haren and Lipa Lieberman. (Why always two partners?). And in yet another corner came the word from USARCO type that Sam Steinberg there, is not the fleet mechanic, I labelled him. His responsibilities include every piece of equipment bought and used by the firm, a job that has him chalking up thousands of miles of travel in a year, and a job most often handled by graduate engineers. Not bad for a Wentworth Tech boy, eh? There were no other doubts cast on my qualifications to handle this column, that night, but when I fought my way through what looked like a horde of Hong Kong refugees and came back with two meatballs and a chicken wing for him, Marvin Goldblatt, soon forgave me.

OPINIONS

LETTER BY RABBI BOBROW FORGED

Dear Editor:

I am formally expressing my shock and dismay at the fact that there appeared in the "News", of June 15 on page 2, a letter signed in my name, which indicated that through "a technical error the following names were omitted from the list of charter members of the newly founded Rabbinical Fellowship of Toronto: Rabbis Dr. M. Burack (Ner Israel); S. Gold (Ner Israel); David Monson (Beth Sholom); J. I. Schochet (Keilcer Congregation); Mordecai Ochs (Torath Emeth)."

I categorically deny that I ever sent to your newspaper such a letter, and while I do not know who had the audacity to use my name without my knowledge or permission, I consider a retraction in proper order.

May I call your attention to the fact that the Constitution of the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship for Community Affairs states specifically, in article 3:

"Membership shall be open to all Rabbis in Metropolitan Toronto, who are members of the CCAR or the RCA or the RAA, or other nationally recognized rabbinical organizations. They shall be elected by majority vote, at a regular or special meeting of the organization."

As Secretary of the Fellowship, I know of no meeting held by the Fellowship at which the names of those who appeared in your letter to the Editor were made members of the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship of Community Affairs.

I trust that you will seek to make some kind of public clarification without in any way injuring the reputation of those who may be innocent parties to what appears to be a fraud perpetrated on the Toronto Jewish Community.

Rabbi Jerald Bobrow

Orthodox Rabbi Opposes "Rabbinical Unity"

Dear Editor,

In the Canadian Jewish News of Friday June 15, you featured a small item to the effect that through a technical error a number o fnames had been omitted from the list of charter members of the newly-formed Rabbinical Fellowship of Toronto.

To my amazement, I noticed my own name included in this listing. I do not know the source of your information but I categorically deny its accuracy. I am not and do not intend to become a member of the fellowship.

It is my firm conviction that the standards and requirements of the rabbinate as well as the function and goals of the rabbi are so radically different in the orthodox conception, on the one hand, and in the conservative and reform conception, on the other, as to make joint membership in one rabbinic organisation as ludicrous as it is ineffectual.

If the various groups are to remain true to their principles the organisation will be so tied down as to be wholly incapable of any concerted action except perhaps for the occasional pious pronouncement.

To the Orthodox Jew the Halakha is the embodiment of the divinely revealed written Law and Oral Tradition stemming from Sinai; it is the way he walks before God. The Halakha guides and inspires him in all aspects of life and in all avenues of activity. It is the challenge to the Jew that his every word, due and even, thought be in consonance with God's word.

If a rabbinic organisation consents not to issue pronouncements on Halakha — and I do not see how the above definition of Halakha can be reduced — in what sense is it still "rabbinic"?

Feeling therefore, that the Rabbinical Fellowship would create the erroneous impression of unity and unanimity on matters that are at the very core of our religious faith and practice where such unity and unanimity are in fact absent, I did not join the organisation.

Needless to say, my non-participation in no way diminishes the high personal regard I have for some of the spiritual leaders of the vadious denominations.

I trust that you will afford me the space for this correction.

Rabbi M. Z. Ochs

TORONTO AGUDAH TO OBSERVE GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Toronto branch of the Agudat Israel will celebrate the organization's 50-year jubilee at an affair which will be held on Tuesday, June 26th, 8:00 p.m., at Torah Emeth Synagogue, 1344 Bathurst Street.

Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive vice-president of the Agudat Israel of America, will be special guest. Rabbi Sherer is editor of the national Yiddish monthly magazine, **Dos Yiddishe Vort**, a director of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization and he also heads the Homiletics Department of the Mesivta Torah Vodaath seminary.

Rabbi Sherer served as spokesman of the orthodox element seeking federal aid for the Jewish day schools. He has appeared before several congressional committees in Washington. More recently, he has returned from a six-week speaking tour in Israel.

The Agudat Israel is a worldwide orthodox organization

RABBI MOSHE SHERER

dedicated to the dissemination of Torah ideals. Among the founders are: the Gerer Rebbe and his son-in-law, Rabbi I. M. Levine, currently president of the Aguda; Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik; Rabbi Eliezer Gordon; Rev Ch. O. Grodzenski; Rabbi E. Rabinowitz; Rav Yitchok Halevi; Rabbi S. Breuer; Moreinu Yaakov Rosenhei; the Chofetz Chaim; the Kaliner Rav; the Kishenever Rav; the Chortkover Radziner Rav.

Most active branch of Agudat Israel is in the Holy Land where it maintains a system of schools (40,000 students), co-operative housing projects, children's village and children's homes designed to combat missionary activity.

The Agudat Israel is represented by four delegates in Parliament.

The affair in Toronto is being arranged by Messrs. L. Adler and D. D'Ancona, chairmen of the cultural and organizational committees of the local group. Rabbi T. H. Klein is executive director.

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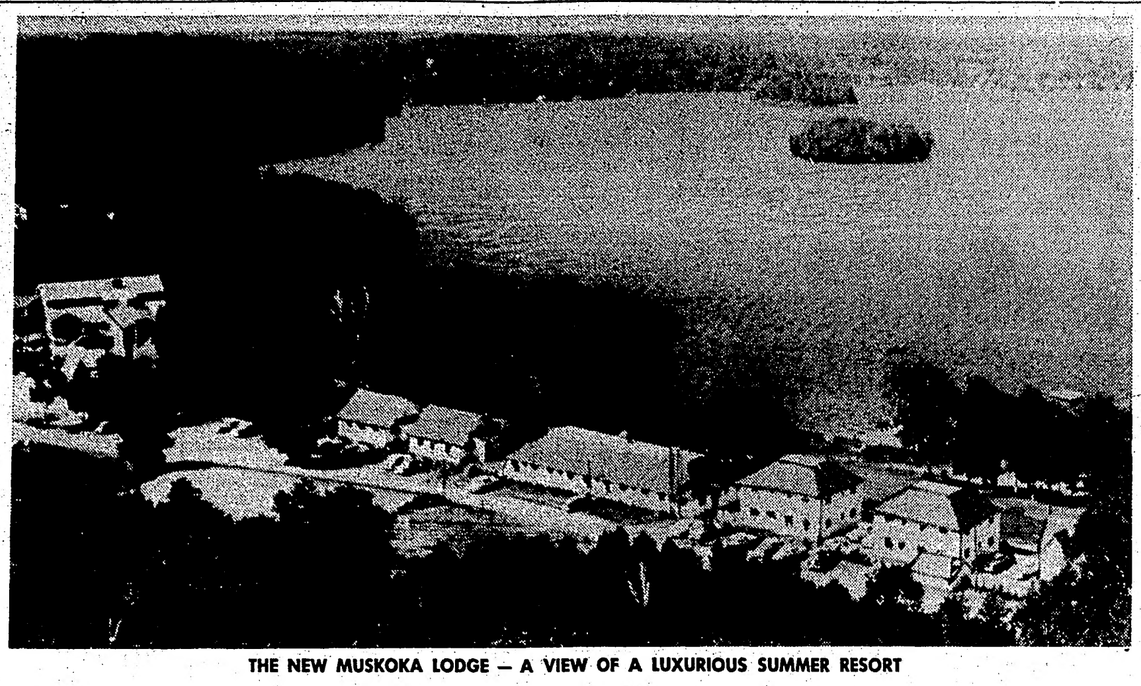

THE NEW MUSKOKA LODGE — A VIEW OF A LUXURIOUS SUMMER RESORT

MANY IN THE U.S. COME TO MUSKOKA

The Muskoka Lake region is well known for being one of the most beautiful areas in Canada. There is little doubt that eventually this area will not only bring in thousands of American tourists, but will become a haven for vacationers all over the world. However, it is ironic that it is an American who is doing more to bring this about than any other single Canadian.

Sam Handler, of Great Neck, Long Island, fell in love with our beautiful rustic north several years ago while on visits to his (then) young son at an Algonquin Park camp. He could not understand why the Canadian people did not capitalise on Muskoka and develop it in a proper way. He couldn't understand why they kept it a secret from the American tourist who travel thousands of miles and spend so much for less in return. It was then that he thought, "Canada needs another Grossinger's."

His business obligations in the United States, where he was general manager of 35 theatres and then later a director in the General Developments Corp., forced him to shelve the idea. But seven years ago he made his first move.

He bought the then existing Muskoka Lodge, a large resort surounderd by 170 acres of land on the shores of a 'jewel' called Mary Lake, begging to be developed. For seven years, (while in operation) he constantly improved and added facilities; imported American show people to entertain his guests; and made the cousine famous. During the 'off season' Mr. Handler combined his business trips by picking up ideas from the most popular resorts in the south; and asked his patrons to make suggestions. Finally the resort (Muskoka Lodge) boasts the facilities and comforts of the top resorts of Europe and the United States. It has often been called, Sam Handler's Rustic Riviera.

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LAND OF HOPE

A CANADIAN JEWISH NOVEL ● By CLARA HOFFER & F. H. KAHAN

In a very short time the flames hit the backfire and encircled the small group. Scorched by the heat, the elderly folks and the children sprang into action. They ran around the fire on the fireguard, striking back with wet gunny sacks. Hearts pounding, heads buzzing with the roar of the flames and their own exertions, like wound-up toys they ran around and around, thinking of nothing else but keeping themselves from being destroyed; around and around not minding the heat or the smoke which burned at their eyeballs and seared their lungs; around and around not noticing their knees weakening from exhaustion; around and around motivated by the great will to live. Gradually they became aware of the fact that the flames were moving eastward away from them. They stopped, unbelieving, watching its retreat, and relief swept over them. They had escaped and saved the farmyard property.

"Look at your face," Lilly laughed, pointing to Clara.

Clara looked up dazedly. "You don't look any better," she said mechanically. All had black faces and singed hair.

Zelda looked around for the boys in alarm. There was no sign of them. She noticed, with a scream of "oi weh is mir!" that the wheat stacks were in flames. Not far away were the boys watching the fire eat their livelihood, their payment on the debts. Zelda continued to scream and the rest stood paralyzed as they watched a year's work go up in smoke. Slowly Israel and Mayer came back, leading the horses. Clara, her heart aching, sensed the hopelessness in their listless steps. Their faces were black, their hair singed and large tears streaked a white path down their cheeks. No one spoke as they watched the two, for their grief was beyond comprehension.

The sun was setting and the murky sky began to clear. Numbly they walked into the house. Mayer sobbing and shouting, "I'm not staying here, I'm leaving! We're not getting anywhere!"

Israel, who had seemed in shock, raised his head.

"No Mayer." His voice seemed faraway as he stared otf into space. "No, we are staying on. We lost our crop through our own negligence. The fireguard was not wide enough and it was too close to the shack. You'll carry on."

It was a long night. Clara lay awake beside her sister who slept peacefully, not fully aware of the grief of the others. She listened to her parents talking until far into the night. She read once that the elements hate what people try to build. How true that was. How helpless they were before the elements when they went wild. In the livingroom on his single iron bed Reb Moshe puffed on his pipe, the smoke curling around them and choking them. In the double bed in the living room there was no sound from the boys. Outside the coyotes howled endlessly with long - drawn piercing wails pronouncing the doom of all creation. Clara lay still and tense, with a troubled mind, thinking over and over what a great loss this had been. The early light broke over the hills and then she dozed off to sleep.

In the morning Israel asked Clara to come with him to the Hazelhursts. He was afraid that Mr. Hazelhurst had been hurt in the fire. It was a crisp frosty morning, the air clear, the sun golden in the mild blue sky. Silently, arm in arm, they walked over the blackened earth where the rocks, which until now had been concealed in the grass, loomed like tombstones. Israel, who had been walking with his head down, turned to Clara. There were circles under his eyes and Clara thought once more as she had many times before that his hazel eyes and thick eyelashes were much too beautiful to belong to a man. Coarse hairs stood up in his eyebrows, giving him in thought as well as in anger, a forbidding look.

"Why so quiet?" he said. "If you are worrying about our loss, don't. There are other years and other crops to come. It won't happen again. Experience costs money. The grass here is long and the sparks fly too high. Of course, now we won't be able to pay the interest. And with the work with our teams we will pull through the winter."

In the small bright kitchen of the stone house on the hill they found Hazelhurst sitting in a rocking chair, his face and hands bandaged. Only his eyes showed above the white bandages and they were smiling. Mrs. Hazelhurst was bustling cheerfully about him, changing his dressing, smiling at the visitors and keeping a fond eye on her husband.

"We were very lucky I kept a bottle of limewater with me," she explained. "I made poultices for his burns."

When she was finished she made tea, and Mr. Hazelhurst told them how he had got burned. "I saw the stack starting to burn. I was running toward it not far behind you. I tripped over a rock and fell face down. The flames were all around me. When I got to my feet I couldn't see you and the pain was awful. I rushed home. I am sorry I couldn't help you."

In companionable silence they contemplated their losses. And, as Saskatchewan farmers would say for many years to come they said, "Well, next year we will have a crop to sell." And so once again they looked forward optimistically.

(Continued next week)

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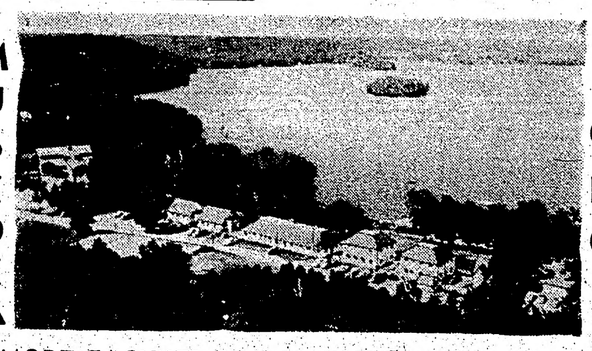
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— THEATRE HI-LIGHTS —

The O'Keefe Center Holiday Theater has commenced, with Guys and Dolls doing a three-week stint. Bob Romann plays Sky Masterson, opposite Anita Gillette. Sid Stone and Cathryn Damon have the other major roles in this Frank Loesser prize-winning musical.

Miss Gillette will be Sarah Brown in the musical fable based on a Damon Runyon story. She rose to stardom last season in the role of Lili when she substituted for Anna Maria Alberghetti in "Carnival".

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On Monday, July 2nd, the **Red Barn** will open its summer season at Jackson's Point with the comedy, "Breath of Spring" which was made into a movie, Make Mine Mink. Female lead is Sidney Sturgess, with James Edmund starring opposite.

Incidentally, a fourth producer has been added in the person of Keith Green. The original three are William Frederic, Marigold Charlesworth and Jean Roberts. Mr. Green was stage manager at Stratford-on-Avon in England. He will direct three plays at the Red Barn.

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Currently playing at the **Village Playhouse** is, "Dr. Angelus", by James Bridie, a play based on a real incident in Scottish medical-criminal history. It will run to June 30th. The play is directed by Paul Marshall, who played with John Laurie and members of the Glasgow Citizens' Theater in a production of the same play in England in 1960.

Author James Birdie was a practicing physician for many years. He was also closely related to the Toronto theatrical family, Dora Mavor Moore and Mavor Moore. Bridie's real surname was Mavor. He died in 1951.

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"Last Year At Marienbad," playing at **Civic . . Square Theater**, is so unique, many theater-goers are seeing the film for a second and third time and finding it different at each viewing. A story of love that is more wishful thinking than actuality, "Last Year at Marienbad" transports one into a land of illusion.

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LISA, the 20th Century-Fox film based upon the story, The Inspector, is currently shown at the **Nortown Theater**. Staring Dolores Hart in the title role, with Stephen Boyd in the male lead, LISA depicts the obstacles confronting a young girl, liberated from Auschwitz concentration camp, trying to reach Palestine. A "must" for every conscience-stricken and freedom-loving person.

BOB ROMANN, plays the role of Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls" at the O'Keefe Centre from June 18 to July 7.

OUR ENTERTAINMENT WORLD By D. COHN

● Rumours are that **Eddie Fisher** is expecting "real trouble" for **Elizabeth Taylor**. It may be evident that she will be in the same predicament shortly as another star was years ago in Rome.

● That **Marilyn Monroe** is always late for an appointment is not news. That, however, could have been triggered by an incident which occurred when she was still not very well known.

Marilyn was punctual once before. She was to meet a famous director at his hotel in Hollywood at 8 a.m. to say goodbye to him before he left for Europe. At precisely 8 a.m., she phoned the director from the looby and said, "They won't let me come to your room at this hour."

The director, a great kidder, replied, "Yes, they're very strict in this hotel. Just tell them you're a call girl and I called you, and they'll let you come right up."

Marilyn was so embarrassed, there's no record she was ever on time after that.

● **Khrushchev** attended **Benny Goodman's** concert in Moscow hoping that JFK will attend the Bolshoi's performance in Washington.

● **Bob Goddard** says, "My wife and I happen to like the same thing. Only I like to save it and she likes to spend it."

● In Old Testament days it was a miracle when an ass spoke — but how times have changed. . .

● **Robert Weitman**, who started as an usher at the Paramount Theater and then rose to top executive posts at ABC-Paramount and CBS, now is happily settled with his family in Beverly Hills. At one of their first Hollywood dinners, **Mrs. Weitman**, whose ancestors were rabbis, touched only the bread and butter. Her dinner partner was curious, and she explained that she never touches non-kosher food.

The man was surprised, and told her: "Then you'll never get anywhere in Hollywood." The next day came the announcement that Robert Weitman would head the giant MGM studio.

● French and Israeli film companies will shoot "Hunters Five" (about the men who tracked Eichmann) in Israel.

● **Leonard Bernstein** stormed out of a Washington restaurant when the place refused to serve violinist **Sanford Allen**, the N.Y. Philharmonic's first Negro member.

● A guy told a friend he's the perfect husband. "I always hold open the door for my wife when she's carrying groceries."

CANADA'S "Y" LEADERS MEETING THIS WEEKEND

The board members and staff of all YMHA's and Jewish Community Centers in Canada will hold their first conference on Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd and 24th, in Toronto.

Mr. Samuel J. Granatstein is conference chairman.

On Saturday, from 3.30 - 5.30 p.m., sessions will take place at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 840 St. Clair Avenue West. The topic of discussion will be: The YMHA-Center and the Jewish Community — A Mutual Commitment. Session chairman is **Saul H. Levine**, president, YM & YWHA of Montreal: speaker, **Herbert Millman**, associate executive director, National Jewish Welfare Board. Discussants are: **Miss Florence Hutner**, director, Joint National Committee on Community Service; **John A. Geller**, national Youth chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress; recorder, **Hy Hochberg**, executive director, Jewish Community Center of Ottawa.

On Sunday, from 4.00-6.00 p.m., discussions will take place, topic of which is: Relationship of the YMHA-Center to Local Youth Serving Organizations, Synagogues and Cultural Institutions.

Panel chairman is **Hyman Soloway, Q.C.**, president, Jewish Community Center of Ottawa. Panelists are **Yudi Henteleff**, vice president, YMHA Community Center, Winnipeg; **Harvey Golden**, executive director, YM & YWHA of Montreal. Recorder is **Emanual Weiner**, executive director, Neighborhood House of Montreal.

TAXI DRIVER MUST REFUND OVERCHARGED FARES

Jerusalem, (JCNS) A Tel Aviv magistrate has fined a taxi driver £10 for every £1 he overcharged a tourist.

The driver took the tourist from Tel Aviv to Ramat Rahel, and claimed his fare was £13, plus £2 he paid to a boy to show the tourist a house he wanted to visit, and additionally, he said, the tourist paid him £15 in advance for a planned trip to Elath.

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A JEWISH CREDO BY PLAYWRIGHT

by Jonathan Miller

ON THE FRINGE

Dr. Miller is one of the authors of the successful satirical revue, "Beyond the Fringe," which is being put on in New York in the autumn. He entered the theatrical world in 1954 when he played a leading role in the Cambridge *University Footlights Revue* — "Out of the Blue."

—The Editors

Jonathan Miller

At the time of writing this, I am 27 years old. I am six foot tall, take size eleven shoes, and have a stammer which sometimes proves troublesome. I dislike crows and am scared stiff of physical violence. I was born in England, have red hair, and a long nose. I am a doctor though I no longer practise medicine. I am also a Jew

These are just some of the items of my private dossier. The sort of personal identity card we often draw up of ourselves and sometimes consult whenever we are in doubt about the form and outline of our own personality. In times of doubt or anxiety, hesitation, or indecision, it is often useful to glance at a list of this sort and see what kind of behaviour one can expect of oneself. Remembering my stammer, I steer clear of awkward consonants. I avoid Bank holidays and thereby miss the irritation of large crowds. As an Englishman I feel sad when I am abroad for a long time, but acknowledging my physical cowardice, I shun violent sport and gallantry of all sorts. What help does the Jewish entry on my dossier provide?

I have no religious belief and observe none of the cultural practices of Judaism. The notion of race is too diffuse to arouse any special sense of loyalty in this matter: apart from which the atmosphere of liberal dissent in which I have grown up has taught me to be suspicious of any alliance which has an ethnic or racial sanction. I like Jewish food and admire the tolerant pessimism of Yiddish humour. But, I also enjoy some forbidden foods, and have a soft spot for Lewis Carroll. In brief, there seems to be no particular reason for calling myself a Jew. The fact remains that I do though. Having rejected the ethnic, religious, and cultural attributes, what remains to justify my sticking to this conspicuous and obviously dangerous label?

FAMILY — GUARDIAN OF TRADITION

The answer lies, to some extent, in childhood. In that delicate net of associations and memories which lurk like cobwebs in the back of the mind. There is nothing more substantial than this however. My upbringing was never Orthodox; for although my father enjoyed a scholarly affection for Jewish culture, he has, as an intellectual of distinction, been too liberal to dictate a rigid policy of beliefs and practices to his own family. The ups and downs of the war loosened the fabric even more. Like most religions, Judaism is tied to a calendar of religious observances. Year after year, week after week, the pious cycle turns, reinforcing belief with each repetition. Unlike many other religions the family is the principal guardian of the cycle, so that when war or other disturbances separate the various members it is hardly surprising that belief and piety suffer.

My father was an army doctor during the war and spent long periods away from his family, so that this cycle of which I spoke rusted through disuse and allowed me to develop other beliefs which have eventually replaced the Judaism of my ancestors. All that remains are Proustian flavours which now do little more than puzzle me about my true identity. Nevertheless they are vivid, these puzzling residues. Gestures and accents with which I feel an unsettling affinity. Tastes and smells; fragments of half-remembered hymns and prayers. Pesach rhymes and the flatulent discharge of the shofar. Digging back into my childhood, I find these strange bright fragments of a Roman pavement, half excavated, teasing the mind with ideas about the original building in which they once had a meaningful place.

WHY I BELONG

This, then, is one reason why I still call myself a Jew. Because, in a sense, almost any memory will do to give a feeling of depth to one's own identity and one will cleave to almost any organization or institution which gives coherence to such memories and fragments.

I often ask myself, however, whether there is anything more positive than this in my claim to be a Jew. For the fact remains, that vague and tenuous though my attachments are, I feel a certain pride in accepting the label and even enjoy a sense of privilege. Looking more closely at this sense of distinction, I can see that it derives not so much from an identification with intrinsically Jewish features, as with certain secondary, historical attributes which the Jews have forcibly acquired in the centuries of the Diaspora. In fact, it is with the very nature of the Diaspora that I find myself in closest sympathy with Jewishness. In this way, I am identifying with something which might have happened to any race or group, but which, in the end, through historical accident, happened to a group called the Jews. Through dispersion, and through the experience of suffering which this dispersion involved, the Jews have, through no vice or virtue of their own, inherited a role in which they have matured a unique quality with which I find myself in close and continuing sympathy.

In dispersion the Jews have developed a special form of supra-Nationalism and have become, in effect, ambassadors of a greater Europe. Without official portfolio, they are the couriers of European culture, able to transmit the deeper essences of that culture. Freed from the restrictions of strictly national loyalties, Jews like Marx and Freud have been in a position to express some of the most explosive themes of European civilization. What is more, in their long-standing role as victims and scapegoat, the Jews have had an unrivalled opportunity to study, at painfully close quarters, the European "anus mundi". Condemned to the back alleys of Europe, they are almost the only people who can speak with authority on the mechanics of hypocrisy and fanaticism. In a sense only a Jew could describe, with confidence and insight, as Freud did, the psychological structure of sadism and violence. By suffering at the hands of the social civilization much better than those Gentiles who live in the conscious surface levels of that culture.

HEIR TO WISDOM

Societies are notoriously quick to bowdlerise the drama of their own turmoil. The fact that so many Germans today claim complete ignorance of what happened in the 'thirties and during the war, is not simply an expression of cynical hypocrisy. It is just another, rather more stunning, expression of an automatic and unconscious social censorship. It is an historical accident that there existed at this time a minority group who were in the unfortunate position to bear the immediate brunt of this repression. Happily, however, the Jews were intellectually equipped to derive some virtue from this ghastly and tragic necessity. By surviving the maelstrom the Jews have emerged with a complete chronicle of the European "malaise". By personally suffering the aggression and energies which the conscious mind of society was too fragile to acknowledge the Jew has acquired the role of Europe's wise physician. By going through the experience of the scapegoat they have emerged as an articulate conscience of society.

Although I have been lucky enough to escape the violence suffered by European Jewry, I feel that by acknowledging what fragments of Judaism I still retain, I am, to some extent, heir to some of the most valuable wisdom in history.

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IN THE 20TH CENTURY-FOX FILM, LISA, Peter Jongman (Stephen Boyd) at right, bargains with smuggler Van der Pink (Hugh Griffith) to get Lisa illegally into Palestine. The picture can be seen now at the Nortown Theater.

No Camp Pictures

Hanover, (JCNS) Vittorio de Sica, the Italian film direcor, has been refused permission to shoot several scenes on the site of the former Nazi concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen, it was disclosed here by the Ministry of the Interior in Lower Saxony. Signor de Sica is presently making a film starring Sophia Loren at Hamburg.

A spokesman for the Ministry said that the permission was refused not because the Government was opposed to the recalling of the sad events of the Nazi period, but because the camp was the burial place of thousands of Nazi victims, and a memorial site. The feelings of the relatives of those burned there should be respected, and the site should not be defiled by using it as background for a film.

The Ministry's decision was welcomed by representatives of Jewish organizations here, the spokesman declared.

World Hebrew Assembly In Israel

Jerusalem, (JCNS) The Third Conference of the World Hebrew Congress will open here on August 8, shortly before the World Conference on Jewish educaion. Nearly 100 delegates from abroad and 100 from Israel are expected to attend. Invitations will be sent also to East European countries.

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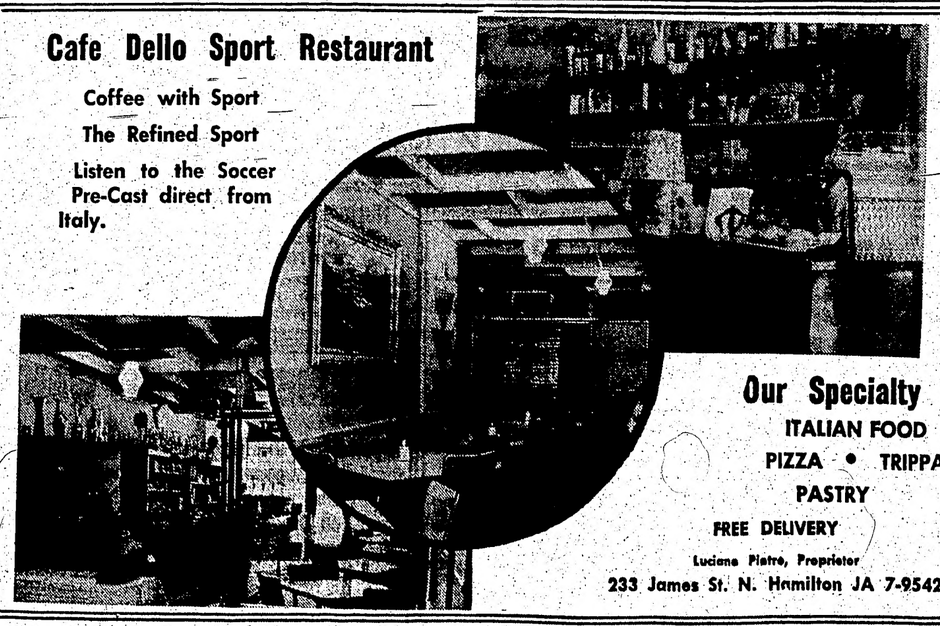

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REPORT FROM ENGLAND

by Chaim Bermant

THE "DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE" RISES

The Federation of Synagogues is a very English institution in that one can understand how it came into being but not how it continues to exist. It was founded in 1897 by Samuel Montagu, the first Lord Swaythling, Liberal M.P., merchant banker, the bearded patriarch of the community.

The 1880's saw a heavy influx of Russian Jews, poor, ill educated, uncouth, alien in appearance, outlook and language. Montagu was concerned to convert them, if not into English gentlemen, at least into English yeomen — but not at the price of their intrinsic Jewishness. The Federation was a means to this end. And he had other reasons: In 1903 he told the Royal Commission on Alien Immigration: "I found there were different isolated minor synagogues in the East End of London which were disposed to quarrel among themselves, and I formed the idea of amalgamating them together — quite a voluntary association — for their general benefit. The chief object was to get rid of insanitary places of worship and to amalgamate two or three small ones together and have a suitable building. We have succeeded very well in this respect."

ROTHSCHILD

The idea was found. The settled Anglo-Jewish families, while helpful to the newcomers, did not wish to carry helpfulness to the point of social contact. The newcomers, for their part, were not displeased with their segregation. They would not have been happy in the United Synagogue with its large buildings, formal services, and mildly Anglican air. On the other hand it was never intended that the United should be for the Brahmins and the Federation for the Untouchables. A person anxious to graduate from the latter to the former was at liberty to do so. Indeed, it was never envisaged that the Federation should be an entirely distinct organization. Lord Rothschild, its first Predent, was also President of the United. What was intended, I think, was a sort of spiritual tavern with the United as the lounge, and the Federation as the taproom, but both drawing sustenance from the same fount. The Federation, however, went its own way.

FELLOWSHIP

One reason was language. Montagu insisted that the Federation business should be transacted in English, but the old generation had to die before the Federation became English-speaking, and even today a Federation Council meeting can be a field day for grammatical idiosyncracy.

The other was fellowship. In the United one was, or at least, one could appear to be, a gentleman among gentlemen. In the Federation one was a "Yid mit Yidden".

The third was Orthodoxy. The Federation at one time was more Orthodox than the United, and in appearance it still is. One will find no bare heads at a Federation Council meeting as one can at the United, and there is a greater area of beard among Federation clergy, but few people I spoke to, felt that the average Federation member was in practice more Orthodox than his counterpart in the United — though he may be more concerned about Orthodoxy. Both may break the Shabbat or eat non-kosher food, but the Federation member will do so with a guiltier conscience.

All this, however, does not explain the continued existence of the Federation. The only reasons which suggest themselves are two. One is the Federation Burial Society: the other is Mr. Morris Lederman.

The Federation lives on its dead—prospective and actual. It claims a membership of about 17,000 families, but that is the number who subscribe to its burial society. Very few of them may be seen in a Federation synagogue. There are 54 synagogues on the Federation list. Some of them do not open even on Shabbat and others find it very difficult to assemble a minyan. But they all have honorary officers. The Burial Society has an annual income of nearly £60,000. The Federation income is nearly £65,000, but £24,000 of that comes from the Burial Society. The Federation pays £16,000 a year to the London Board for Jewish Religious Education; all of it from the Burial Society. (The United contributes £83,546).

But the Federation is more than a burial society; it is also a memorial society. The walls of many of its synagogues are solid with plaques. The entire gallery of the Commercial Road Great is sprinkled with commemorative lettering, names on one side, figures on the other, like a golden balance sheet. The value of this lies not only in the hard cash, but in the sentiment. The more people are removed from synagogue life the more sentimental do they become about the synagogues they don't go to, and they will of course belong to the burial society which interred their parents.

Part of the strength of the Federation lies in the fact that it is a democratic organization — democratic in the sense that one does not have to be born to its positions of leadership. The United has always been ruled by the patricians. Not so the Federation. Lord Rothschild may have been its first President, but the present one is Mr. Lederman. "And a very good President he is," a Federation Minister told me. hold high-sounding office.

"We can drop in on Mr. Lederman any time of the day or night."

LACK OF POWER

He is a hail-fellow-well-met with considerable warmth, very considerable cheer, much vigour, and not a little courage. In 1959, 22 resident in Prothero Gardens Hendon, protested at the proposed erection of a Federation Synagogue nearby. Among them were 12 Jews. A public inquiry was held and Mr. Lederman came to give evidence.

"Do you think the long-established residents of Hendon will benefit by having their neighbourhood flooded with people who are not quite the same as those already living there?" he was asked. "Should you not have exercised your power and influence as President of the Federation to restrain your flock from emigrating "en masse" to Hendon?" Whereat Mr. Lederman stretched himself to his full five feet two inches.

"If I had any power," he retorted, "I should use it to compel the 12 Jewish objectors already living in Prothero Gardens to move out."

Mr. Lederman has been President of the Federation for almost 12 years, and he has succeeded in giving what is a large, shapeless and aimless organization a semblance of unity and purpose. He may not have given it anything else, but this alone has required immense toil. "I chase around day and night," Mr. Lederman told me, "and if you don't think I'm crazy, you're mistaken."

One does not regret the misdirected energy of Mr. Lederman and his colleagues, for the mere use of energy is in itself, after all, a beneficial exercise. But one regrets the abuse of resources. There are 20 Federation synagogues in the East End, but only a few of the estimated 20,000 Jews in the East End ever see the inside of them. Rabbi J. H. Cymmerman, the white-bearded red-cheeked Chairman of the Federation Rabbinate, said to me: "There are still too many synagogues in the East End, and every time they close one I say 'y'chen yirbu' ". I discussed this with Rabbi Halstuck, quiet voiced, gentle faced, but with fiery fervour who is the highly esteemed Rabbi of the Commercial Road Great. He felt strongly that there were fortunes being wasted on East End synagogues. The idea he had in mind was a Jewish day school. "Train the children," he said, "and they'll bring back the parents."

The Commercial Road Great is perhaps the only synagogue in the East End with any number of young people on a Shabbat morning; Rabbi Halstuck has made it his special concern to bring them in. A few hundred yards away, in Philpot Street, there is the Jewish Scholarship Centre. On a Sunday morning I found it packed from attic to cellar with young boys. One class of thirteen and fourteen year-olds was studying the Talmud; two years ago they could not read the "aleph-bet". "But we have nothing to do with the Federation," Mr. Bornstein, the organizing Secretary told me, "we want to keep this place out of politics.

There is much that can be done, but it is doubtful if the Federation, in spite of the number of able and devoted rabbis which it employs, is the body to do it, because its energies are mainly given over to politicking — and they are hardly the sort of energies which could be used for anything else. There is nothing sinister in this, but merely the desire of humble men to

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AID FOR ALGERIAN JEWS

Jerusalem (JCNS)—An agreement was imminent between the Israeli Ministry of Housing and the French Jewish community to give similar financial aid to Algerian Jews wishing to settle in Israel as they would receive if they settled in France, Mr. David Tanne, Director-General of the Ministry stated here. This was intended to encourage Algerian Jews to emigrate to Israel.

There would be no return to the system of "maabarot", said Mr. Tanne, as this would halt immigration. There was no need for them, he added, since it was possible to build immigrant housing at the rate of 140,000 annually, provided all other building projects are slowed down.

At the present increasing rate of the Israeli population of 150,000 annually, Israel will reach the figure of 3,000,000 in five years, Mr. Tanne declared.

GOLDMANN'S DOUBTS

Jerusalem, (JCNS) Despite the guarantees the yhad been given he doubted whether there was any future for the Jews of Algeria, Dr. Nahum Goldmann told a meeting of the World Jewish Congress Israel Executive.

Algerian Jews were free to stay or leave, under the terms of the F.L.N. guarantees to the W. J. C., he stated. They had been accorded the same status as Europeans for the time being. But he left the firm impression that he thought migration was the only solution.

EBAN'S PROPOSAL

Jerusalem, (JCNS) The introduction in Israel of two-level matriculation examinations was proposed by Mr. Abba Eban, Minister of Education, to the Cabinet at its weekly meeting.

In a two-hour long report Mr. Eban advocated changes in secondary school education. He suggested higher level matriculation for students intending to go to University, and lower level for those finishing only secondary school. His proposals appear to be based on the educational situation in immigrant villages, wherein many children come from countries with low level education.

In his report Mr. Eban urged that the present auxiliary afternoon classes set up to help those lagging behind should be extended from 500 to 2,000, and that overcrowded classes should be cut down. He also warned against misleading statistics which gave the impression of satisfactory elemenary results among new imigrant children. The Cabinet then decided to study the report for possible action.

Meanwhile, an agreement is being signed for a £1,000,000 pilot scheme to train Sephardi youngsers for entry to the Haifa Technion and the Hebrew University. The project is sponsored by Colonel Yehiel Eliachar, a leading member of the American Technion Society, who promised to pay one-third of the total cost if the Government and the Jewish Agency paid the balance.

The scheme provides for one year's intensive training for 500 members of the Sephardi comunity. A comittee was set up to implement it, and will include representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Jewish Agency, the Technion, the Hebrew University, and the Sephardim of Israel and America.

VARDI TO THE VATICAN

Jerusalem, (JCNS) Dr. Chaim Vardi, Counsellor on Christian Affairs at the Israeli Ministry of Religion, will leave for Rome next month to take up the position of Jewish Congress' observer at the Vatican.

Dr. Vardi who held his presen post at the Ministry since the establishment of the State, has been editing a periodical dealing with activities of the Christian communities in Israel.

NEW STEPS

London, England (JCNS) — World Jewish Congress president, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jacob Blaustein of the American Jewish Committee and Moses Leavitt of the "Joint" have been authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to implement a legislative programme sought by the Claims Conference to improve and accelerate payment of indemnification claims to individual victims of Nazism by the Federal German government. This was decided on Sunday at the concluding session of the "Claims" board of directors Conference, held here during the week end.

Goldmann afterwards told the JCNS that he expected to visit Bonn again some time during the summer when he would continue his talks with the new German Finance Minister.

RABBI ECKSTEIN HONORED

Ottawa, (CJN) — His Excellency, Governor-General Vanier and Madame Vanier invited Rabbi and Mrs. Eckstein to the State Dinner at Rideau Hall on Monday evening, June 11th, to have the honor of meeting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Rabbi and Mrs. Eckstein were singled out during the reception following the dinner. They were introduced to the Governor-General by the Aide-de-Camp in-Waiting.

The Rabbi expressed to the Governor-General the appreciation of Canadian Jewry by the latter's accepting the invitation to address the forthcoming Convention of the Canadian Jewish Congress which takes place this weekend in Toronto.

His Excellency expressed his high regard for Canadian Jewry. He indicated his admiration for the traditional Jewish concept of family solidarity and the importance of the home in the building of a better society.

BULGARIAN COMPENSATION FOR EL AL

Jerusalem (JCNS) Bulgaria and Israel have finally reached agreement on the amount to be paid by Bulgaria for the shooting down of an El Al plane in 1955 which caused the loss of 58 passengers.

The matter was left unsettled after Israel had refused a small offer by Bulgaria, and had lost her case before the International Court at the Hague, which ruled its own incompetence to deal with the matter.

Dr. Haim Yehiel, Director-General of the Israeli Ministry of Finance, who is now touring embassies and legations abroad, visited Bulgaria last week. He met officials of the Bulgarian Ministry of Finance and reached agreement with them on the case. A formal announcement, now under preparation, is expected within two weeks, giving all details.

TESTIMONY AGAINST EICHMANN'S AIDE

Sao Poula (JCNS) Dr. Alexander Brody, a Brazilian bookseller and former Hungarian, who was a member of the Budapest Jewish Council during the war years, has left for Frankfort, where he will give evidence in the trial of Otto Heinrich Hunsche, one of Eichmann's war-time aides.

Accompanying Dr. Brody, who also testified at the Eichmann trial, is Dr. E. Peto, who was Vice-President of the Budapest Jewish Council in the war years.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Jewish community in Curitiba, in southern Brazil, have asked the local police to guarantee the safety of its members, because they fear reprisals for the execution of Eichmann.

NEW P.E.N. PRESIDENT

Amsterdam (JCNS) Victor van Vriesland, the famous Dutch poet, has been unanimously nominated for the International Presidency of P.E.N., the world organisation of writers. He is unopposed and will become the organisation's first Jewish President.

He was born in Haarlem (Holland) in 1892, and fought during the war in the Dutch resistance movement. His brother, the late Siegfried can Vriesland, was a leading Zionist and for many years held the office of Treasurer of the World Zionist Executive and the Jewish Agency.

"BORMANN IS ALIVE" CLAIMS SPANIARD

Paris (JCNS) Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, is still alive, according to Senor Angel Alcasar de Velasco, who was Spanish Press Attache in London in 1941 and 1942.

Senor de Velasco, who was speaking at a Press conference in Paris this week to introduce a book he has written, said that he last saw Bormann in Ecuador in 1958. The former Nazi leader had prematurely aged, was completely bald and had undergone three plastic surgery operations on his face. According to Senor de Velasco, he helped Bormann to escape from Spain to the Patagonia area of Southern Argentine in 1946 and travelled with him aboard a submarine. "I don't know here he is now and if I did I would not tell you. But the last time I met him he said he visited Europe once a year."

LEARNING ARAB WAY OF LIFE

Jerusalem (JCNS) Fifty girls and 30 boys from Israeli secondary schools are spending ten days in Acre studying the Arab way of life under a scheme designed to improve Arab-Jewish understanding. All are studying Arabic.

The boys have been given special permission to stay at the Darvish monastery. The girls are staying at a hotel. They will attend classes at Arab schools, work in bakeries and nurseries and attend a Moslem court of law.

GOLDEN BOOK HERO

Bologna, (JCNS) The name of Franco Cesana, a Jewish boy and the youngest member of the Italian underground movement against Nazism and the Golden Book of the Jewish fascism, has been inscribed in National Fund by the Bologna J.N.F. Commission.

He was born in Mantua in 1931 and joined the partisans after his afmily went into hiding to escape persecution. He was only 13-years-old when, on September 14, 1944, he was killed by a German bullet after having warned a partisan brigade that it was in danger. He died reciting the "Shema Yisroel."

In recognition of his bravery, he was posthumously gazetted to the rank of lieutenant and awarded the Bronze Medal for Valour. The Municipality of Bologna has named one of the town's public schools after him.

THE "GOOD" AND "BAD" OF NAZISM

Dusseldorf, (JCNS) Most Germans are not prepared to generally condemn the Nazi period, but tend to distinguish between what was "good" and "bad" under the Hitler regime. This is the result of a public opinion survey conducted by a West German institute at the request of the West German television stations.

Removal of unemployment by Hitler, organised State education for youth, State support for youth organisations and construction of the Autobahen, are among the major assets of the Nazi regime. Some of those questioned even suggested that the Nazi educational system, as well as several welfare programmes, should be taken over by the present Government.

On the negative side, 40 per cent of those questioned said that the persecution of Jews was the worst aspect of Nazi dictatorship, and 25 per cent that they disliked Nazi militarism. The others named various measures as the most condemnable aspects of Nazism, including persecution of the churches, concentration camps, and the absence of freedom of opinion.

The majority of those qquestioned thought that a revival of Nazism in Germany was impossible; 31 per cent said they were active democrats, seven per cent admitted openly being pro-Nazi, while 39 per cent were indifferent. The large majority thought that democracy was better than dictatorship, but would not give the democratic system an open support.

HAARETZ EXPELLED FROM PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

Jerusalem, (JCNS) By avote of 18 newspapers against three "Haaretz", Israel's leading morning daily, was expelled from the Newspaper Publishers Association at a meeting held here.

The Association represents 24 daily newspapers. Three were absent from the meeting and from the remaining 21, 18 voted for the expulsion. The reason given was the manner in which "Haaretz" joined the "Regie-Presse", a French commercial broadcasting company, inwhich Publicis (the emburg) has a 50 per cent French owners of Radio Luxshare. "Haaretz" acquired 18 per cent of the shares in Regie-Presse, and the Israel Tourist Corporation the remaining 32 per cent.

The objection arose from the fact that "Harretz" made the purchase at a time when all Israeli newspapers were protesting against commercial radio advertising, as the market for such advertising in Israel was limited.

MUSICIAN HONOURED

Oslo, (JCNS) Robert Levin, the pianist, last week received here the King's Gold Medal, the highest medal of honour of the Norwegian Federation of Musicians Guild, on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

At an impressive reception given in Mr. Levin's honour, the Prime Minister of Norway and Mrs. Gerhardsen were present, as well as the Lord Mayor of Oslo, and leaders of all major Norwegian Jewish organisations.

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